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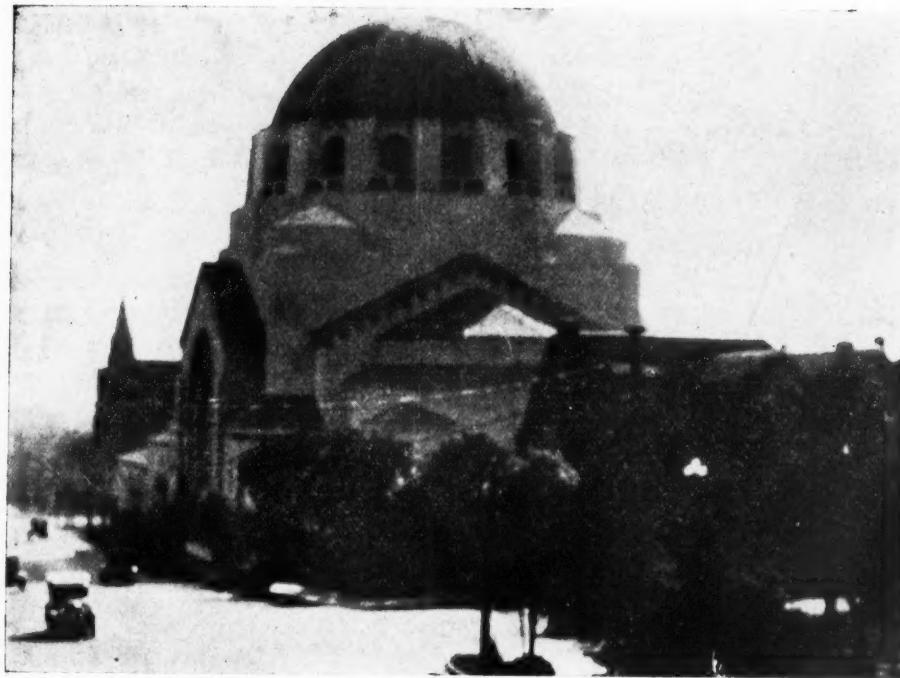
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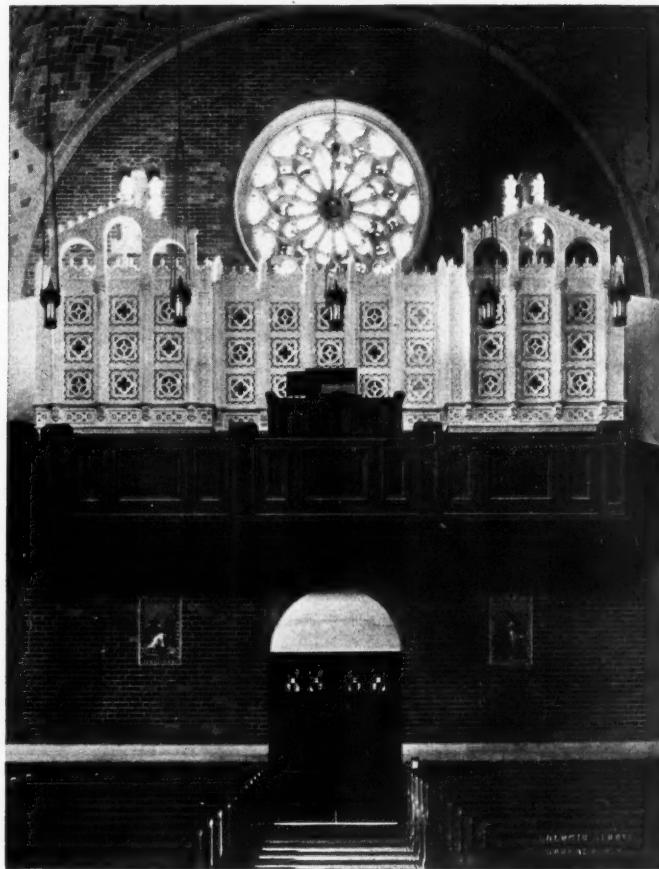
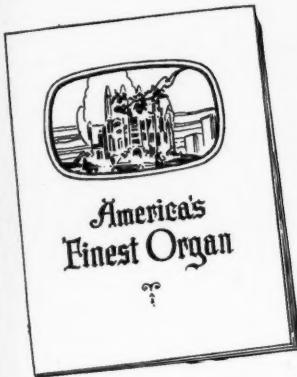
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Sing unto the Lord, and praise His Name; be telling of His sal-  
Sing unto the Lord, and praise His Name; be telling of His sal-  
Sing unto the Lord, and praise, and praise His Name; be tell -

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that is inviting. Get a copy for your own inspection; we like it. Excerpt 1356. (Ditson 1926, 15c)

W. BERWALD: "GOD OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS," 5p. s. qe. me. A tuneful anthem, beginning as shown in 1357,

Shep-herd is, My gra-cious con-stant Guide; I shall not want, for

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which indexes the character of the whole work, effective for evening service. (Ditson 1926, 12c)

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He that dwell-eth in the se - cret place of the most High  
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strong unisons here and there, counterpoint for the choir, vigorous harmony passages, life and variety; examine a copy. (Ditson 1926, 12c)

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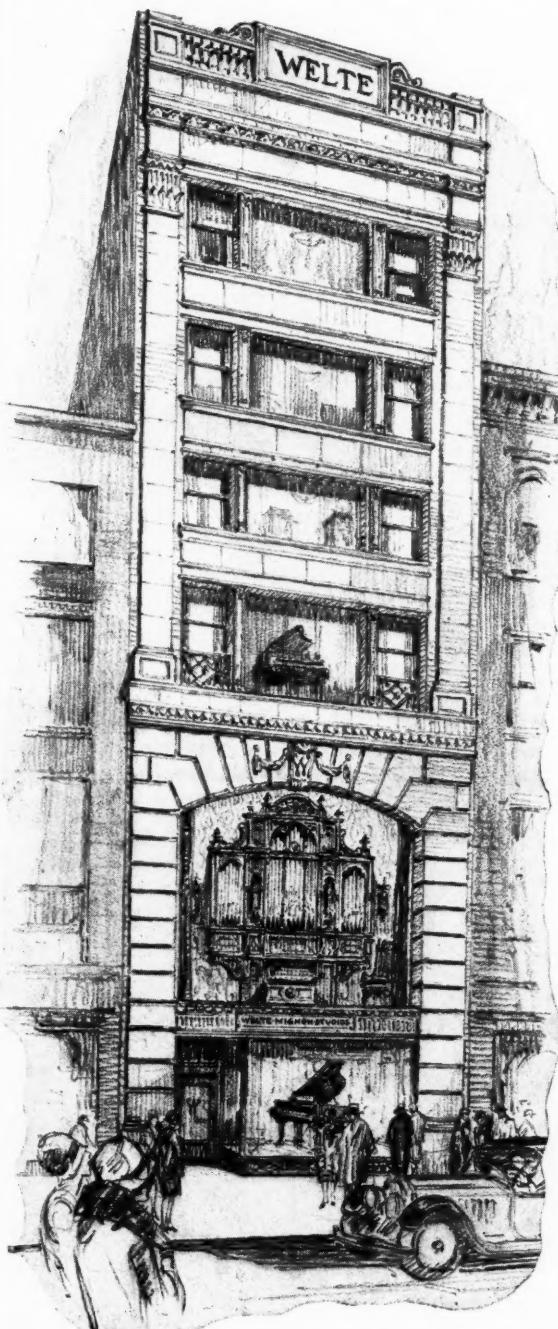
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## Editorial Reflections

### A Little Cake



PASSING the bread and butter stage because bread and butter are no longer enough, my friend Mr. Carl F. Mueller, who has astonished me for years with the quality of his programs and the persistence of his church in backing him, proclaims that an organist, a church organist, may expect even a little cake now and then. How? Earn it. Simple, isn't it? We never thought of that.

Does anybody remember our sub-caption on page 261 of the September 1926 issue? Mr. Carl F. Mueller Applauded in the Midst of a Sunday Morning Service, it said. I do not believe the Milwaukee citizens—those who still attend church—are demented nor even fermented. Applauding in the midst of a church service may be excusable; read the article, and excuse or condemn as you see fit.

Then read Mr. Mueller's life-history herewith presented at my command, and learn how to add a little cake to our bread and butter diet.

The importance of the chorus choir, the volunteer chorus preferred, has been overlooked. A quartet of solo voices, however

wonderful they may be individually, however perfect in ensemble, is only a cheap substitute for church music. A volunteer chorus, managed on a bonus plan if the trustees can be persuaded that money thus spent is not spent at all but invested on five hundred percent interest, will give the organist not only something real and genuine in the way of musical pleasures, but will also give his bank account something it never before received.

Mr. Mueller champions the cause of the regular Sunday services as opposed to the effort often wasted on special monthly musicales. We need to thunder against these musicales until we have knocked them entirely out of church practise and brought our wandering attentions back to the basic business of the humdrum Sundayism. To knock the humdrum out of it is our chief business. How would a theater fare if once a month it had a special program? The public would infer, rightly, that the rest of the time there was but little effort being spent to make programs attractive. I never thought of this until reading Mr. Mueller's article.

Do we like Mr. Mueller's ideas? It doesn't matter. We are trying to discover how to get salaries raised. His ideas did that for him. If your salary isn't satisfactory, and if you have no ideas of your own that have worked, why don't you take a whack at his which have? It's reasonable.

## Give Your 48 Sundays a Thought

Special Musicales are Delightful But They Develop Only Pride and Publicity  
It's the Way You Handle the Daily Grind that Counts Most  
The Quartet Choir Must Disappear Completely

By CARL F. MUELLER



HERE IS NO secret formula or mystic manner whereby an organist may increase his salary. The only method known to me can be summed up into just one word, and that will prove equally effective in other fields of endeavor; it is just simply Work, and more Work and yet more WORK. To the doubting Thomases let me say, by way of concrete example, that a strict devotion to this little word has brought me salary increases of more than 100% during a period of ten years; and I know that my case is by no means out of the ordinary. I am equally confident that the same thing can be duplicated in any other locality or church.

Some one has rightly said that no one is indispensable. And yet—there is such a thing as making one's self and work of such vital importance to an institution that everyone recognizes the value as well as the necessity of the same. Then not only the congregation but the larger community as well accepts your leadership, looks to you for standards—and the inevitable result is the fulfillment of Scriptures that "the rest shall be added unto you".

Now the question logically arises, How may an organist prove himself of value to a church? Of utmost importance, it seems to me, should be his devotion to the cause. An organist may be said to be lacking in that devotion when on Sunday morning he scans the congregation and in his heart thinks: "What fools these mortals be!" Any good salesman will tell you that before you can hope to sell others, you have to become "sold" yourself. Anyone who is not absolutely cer-

tain of the position, power, and importance of the church in our world to-day, but looks to the church only as a medium for supplying him a job, is already doomed to failure. Church music was, is, and must always be the hand-maiden of religion, it cannot stand on musical merit alone.

It may not be amiss to say just a word in this connection regarding a matter that is all too often assumed. I refer to what is most essential, namely character. Wouldn't it be well to make this our constant prayer, "Lord, help me to be what people think I am"? We do look so pious and act so piously in the organ loft, sing such devout songs and play such heavenly tunes on Sundays, and then the rest of the week . . . . well, this was not intended to be a sermon.

To my mind, second of importance is activity, or better stated, a program. Wondering on Saturday afternoon what to play or what to have sung on Sunday will certainly not produce a fine, coordinated service. I have frequently read and heard it stated that ministers as a class were only luke-warm towards the church music in general, fearing that too much emphasis in that direction would tend to weaken their prestige. If that were true—and I doubt it very much because my own experience has been just the opposite—it would be a very sad state of affairs to say the least. On the contrary, I am willing to go on record as stating that practically every minister rejoices in attractive church music and more than one has told me that the better the music the better he can preach. I am wondering whether there are not many church organists who are passing up a great opportunity of mutual benefit by not having frequent conference with

their minister? He is only an ordinary mortal, same as you and I, and will welcome any suggestion you may offer, and in return you may find him a genuine source of inspiration. For eight years I had the pleasure as well as the privilege of being associated with one of the finest Christian gentlemen in any pulpit. Himself a great thinker, scholar and orator, he never failed to give public utterance to the value and power of the music of the church. His kindly advice and ever-wise counsel were of inestimable value in laying the policies for the music of the church; he was a constant stimulus for greater and nobler efforts.

How many churches are there in any community where a definite policy for the music is being carried out? No one can say their name is legion. How many churches with a definite music program have made a genuine impress on their respective communities? Excepting our larger music centers where there may be several, we seldom find more than one church in any one locality that stands out head and shoulders above any others in a musical way. If we were to take the time to investigate this one outstanding church, we would find in each instance, I am quite sure, a personality powerful in leadership and dedicating himself to better church music, as the direct cause. Local conditions are pretty much the same everywhere.

As I view the situation, it is not at all a matter of money, but purely and simply one of leadership. In fact I venture the statement (and I write largely from personal experience) that there is not a church in the land that will not pay its minister of music a salary commensurate to his value to the institution. And after all, isn't that just an every-day business proposition? Show me a bank or any other business institution that will pay someone \$200 a month for doing a \$75 piece of work! On the other hand, let the \$75 man prove his worth and the shrewd business man will not be slow to recognize in a substantial way his value to himself and his organization. Let's not forget that every church has at least some business men in its membership—and some are shrewd!

That much for generalities. The successful organist must constantly vary his service programs. Nothing could be more uninteresting from the standpoint of the church-goer, than to know before arriving at church just what the musical menu will be. To that end, the element of novelty and surprise should be occasionally introduced, but of course always in a churchly and dignified manner. Everything for the service, including the hymns, should receive careful preparation. Nothing makes a worse impression on the congregation, or is more out of place at a church service, than half-prepared music. To quote a prominent contemporary church musician: "We adhere largely to a double-standard in our churches to-day. One standard for the pulpit and a quite different one for the choir-loft". I make it a practise of spending at least half of each day at my church. This gives me ample time to prepare the programs for the monthly organ recitals, as well as the Sunday music. I never take refuge behind such an attitude as for instance, "Well, folks, what shall we sing to-night?" I prepare for every one of the rehearsals of my two choirs and always know what we are going to sing and how.

Incidentally, it is my humble opinion that the future of music in our American churches lies neither in the solo quartet nor the paid chorus, but in the volunteer church choir. We have no difficulty in maintaining an adult mixed choir of fifty and a girls' choir of forty voices. The former does more than half of its singing unaccompanied. How is it done? First of all, by being fair and square and honest with every one and expecting only from others what I do myself. Then by singing only the best music in the best possible manner. There is no satisfaction greater than a piece of work well done. Furthermore, everybody likes to belong to an organization in which membership means something. My choirs are never come-and-go propositions. A person either belongs or does not belong. This is quite generally understood and hence we are known as an up-and-coming proposition. Irregularities of any kind are not in our repertoire and we try to be in every

way a selfrespecting musical organization, differing only from the secular choruses in that we have a church back-ground.

A sure way of holding the interest of a choir is by magnifying its work and

be stimulated if a church establishes a reputation for fine music at all its regular services. Special services should then receive as much attention and consideration as local conditions seem to warrant.



THIS INVESTMENT IS USELESS—

unless it is played. In the new Westminster Catholic Cathedral in London this 4-75-4154 Willis Organ is used for recitals as well as for the services, as noted in connection with the Frontispiece for March. Our photo is an example of the camera work of Mr. Gilbert Benham; every stop-knob in the original photo is easily readable under the magnifying glass. If we work one hour a day, we get an hour's pay; if we work eight, we get that much more. Mr. Mueller is an advocate of getting more pay by earning it, and earning it by working more hours and using more thought and less tradition. It's reasonable. There is much discussion of the gigantic waste of equipment represented by a church if its building is, as in the good old days, used but one day out of seven.

making each member feel that his is a genuine contribution. Give them plenty to do, but don't let choir work become burdensome. In my own church, we try to avoid many special services, which of course always involve special rehearsals. We emphasize the Sunday morning service and always try to do some fine music. It has been my observation that in a great many places the regular Sunday work seems to be secondary and the real effort is concentrated on a monthly or bi-monthly musicale. This in my estimation is all wrong and will certainly not have the best reaction on choir, congregation, or community. Church attendance, choral interest, and the organist's status will all

So much has been said and written regarding organ recitals that I can add only from my own experience. When my annual series of monthly organ recitals began ten years ago the older and more established organists all tried to discourage me by saying that maybe such things would attract in some cities but most certainly not in Milwaukee. This did not prove to be a fact; I maintain that with persistency any good organist can create a demand for organ recitals. However, not by playing the old academic type of program in an unrhythmic, uncolorful and pedantic sort of a way. Because of the church environment and church atmosphere an organ recital will likely be



DOESN'T THIS INVITE USE?

The new Kilgen Organ in St. Vincent's Church, Los Angeles, is a constant appeal to be heard and played. An organist with such an instrument has a golden opportunity to make himself valuable to his church and his community; the organ and choir of any church are an asset in the organist's hands, but they must be used for public good or no profit will come to the organist. The mere possession of an organ like this represents an annual expenditure, in interest on equipment, of from \$3,000 to \$5,000; the church service cannot be perverted for the organ's or organist's benefit, but there are six other days in each week when both can be heard with profit to the whole community and especial profit to the church itself.

the oldest and most formal affair in the world. It is largely up to the organist to overcome this obstacle by injecting the

humanizing element into his recitals. I always give a brief and simple verbal explanation of each selection before playing it and I have been often told that this feature was fully as enjoyable as the music itself. Then, too, I always have the assistance of a vocal artist, believing that no matter how well an instrument may be played it becomes tiresome if there is nothing to break the monotony. A casual observance will show that most of our great concert artists (not organists!) are evidently of like opinion.

In conclusion let me say that even the most pessimistic church organist must admit that a new day has arrived in church music circles. While there have always been some churches everywhere that have stressed the value of good church music and have consequently prospered, the movement for more and better church music is now quite universal. Witness the great number of fine and expensive organs that are being installed every year, and the effort being made everywhere to raise the standard of church music. The rest it seems to me is up to the individual organist. Let him show by his every act and deed that he is in full sympathy with everything the church is striving to accomplish. Let him give whole-heartedly and enthusiastically of his time and talent, and always remember that nothing is too good for the church services and thus all things working together for good shall in due time bring him his just reward.

## Hillgreen, Lane & Company

How a Professional Musician and a Builder of Organs Became Good Friends  
And Established an Intimate Organ Building Partnership  
That is Ministering to a Small but Growing  
And Discriminating Clientele

By T. SCOTT BUHRMAN



BUILDING an enduring business of any kind is considerable of a task in these days. In the organ world we have, fortunately, no trust, no monopoly on quality, and few vicious trade practices.

The first complete and detailed account of any one organ factory in America appeared in these pages almost two years ago and appropriately dealt with the builder who had lavished the greatest attention upon the organ players, who in turn lavished such attention upon him that he was quick to take advantage of the opportunities presented, and, coupling kindly but keen professional criticism with his own great native ability, he soon produced an organ that was a work of art.

This second detailed history deals with less spectacular workers—two modest men who wanted only to enjoy their work; they did not even interest themselves in striving to attain such places in the world as the achievements of their hands and hearts and brains entitled them to. Hillgreen, Lane & Co. until recent years were content with a prosperity that crowded their factory to the limit and gave them never an idle day throughout their long working years. But the march of progress refuses to allow good workmanship to be shut up in a lone corner, and today the Company is a ready bidder for any contract anywhere in America. The most critical field of the residence organ attests their artistic achievements.

Two men in chief are the makers of Hillgreen, Lane & Co. They are Mr. Alfred Hillgreen, now deceased, and Mr. Charles Alva Lane. The former was the

factory man, the latter was and is the business man and supervisor of the sales and office work. Mr. Lane travels much, both independently and in the interests of his firm. He sells organs when he has to, but if his sense of duty did not get the better of his personal inclinations a purchasing committee would probably find him digressing into discussions on the abstract subjects of psychology or other branches of philosophy.

Of the history or personality of the Hillgreens it will be impossible to record very liberally, but we are a little more fortunate with regard to Mr. Lane of whose career and personality we have more data.

### MR. ALFRED HILLGREEN

THE LATE MR. ALFRED HILLGREEN was born June 6th, 1859, in Jonkoping, Sweden, and came to America in 1881, becoming a naturalized citizen in 1895. Mr. Hillgreen was above all else a builder of organs, and nothing else mattered, not even a college education, though he was an omnivorous reader and an entertaining talker both in public and as a conversationalist. His first work in America was with the Hillstrom Reed Organ Company, whence he went five years later to the Lancashire-Marshall Organ Co.'s factory in Moline, Ill., and thence to the Salem Church Organ Co., Salem, Ohio.

In 1898 he became one of the partners in the establishment of the present firm, and a quarter of a century later, death terminated his work on October 3, 1923. He was a devout Churchman, and served on the council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in his home city for a great many years. He was an indefatigable worker,



THE LATE MR. ALFRED HILLGREEN

holding himself responsible for every waking moment of his life.

I want to include a story told by one of Mr. Hillgreen's associates of the period, which illustrates some of the traits of his character—his persistance and courage.

"At an early stage of the firm's history, a contract was assigned involving a coupler system of new and intricate character for which there was no precedent. Mr. W. L. Mayer of Pittsburgh, whose services to the art have never been adequately recognized by the craft, was then employed by the Carnegie Fund to appraise the claims of churches applying for appropriations. With some misgivings as to the competency of so young a concern to construct a mechanical system that to some of the oldest firms had proved impossible, the award was nevertheless made.

"As the delivery date approached, with much of the work completed, a certain anxiety became manifest throughout the

factory as to this complex coupler system and the extended octave treatment.

"At this juncture Mr. Hillgreen one morning appeared in the factory in a mood of unusual buoyancy, and announced that work would begin at once on the Pneumatic Coupler device. He had quietly worked out a system of construction which he believed presented a solution of the problem. The work was completed and shipment of the organ made within the period specified in the contract.

"Mr. Hillgreen was supervising the installation and when the work was nearing completion a most distressing condition presented itself; for, with the application of the sub-and super-couplers, "running" developed to an excruciating degree. Work continued long after midnight but brought no solution. Exhausted with work and worry, Mr. Hillgreen sought rest in sleep. In a restless half-doze, as if by inspiration, the solution came to him. He had failed to flood the borings of the coupler-board, and wind was inter-penetrating the channels.

"Convinced that his vision was authentic he arose and persuaded a shop-keeper who lived near to provide, even at that untimely hour, the material that was needed to correct the trouble. Without arousing his assistant, Mr. Hillgreen removed the wilderness of wind-conveying tubes that had been employed in the coupler device and flooded the borings with air-proof material. With the reinsertion of these borings, the desired results were realized. Mr. Mayer was called and a thorough testing of the new coupler system resulted in unqualified endorsement and hearty congratulations. Many further orders for Carnegie Organs came to the firm as the result of this installation. For twenty-two years this coupler device gave excellent service; now the firm has supplanted it with an electric action throughout the instrument."

Of Mr. Hillgreen it was written that the "dominating characteristics of his life were his fervent response to the promptings of the true, the good, the beautiful.....Life was to him an earnest thing demanding repayment for its privileges in noble aspiration and effort.....Personal consideration made but slight

appeal. What emoluments his craft yielded were generously shared with the needy. His religious faith, his moral ideals, and his artistic instincts controlled every act of his life."

#### MR. ROBERT HILLGREEN

THE PRESENT mechanical head of Hillgreen, Lane & Co. is the son of one of the original partners; he was born March 9th, 1893, in Salem, Ohio. After completing his high school course in Alliance he attended the Tennessee Military Institute for one year, and then began his apprenticeship in organ building under his father's direction in 1913 in the Hillgreen, Lane & Co. plant in Alliance. The summer vacations of his school-boy days had been spent in the factory, so he began active work in 1913 with considerable knowledge of organ construction.

He spent several years systematically learning all phases of organ-building in all departments of the factory, beginning at a work-bench and terminating in the voicing room. After this apprenticeship



MR. ROBERT HILLGREEN



BEHIND THE SCENES.

Looking straight through the Hillgreen-Lane Organ in Calvary Methodist Church, New York City, one of the newest and finest art products of the firm; the organ was designed by Mr. Gustav F. Dohring, Eastern Representative. Mr. A. Russ Patterson, organist.

Mr. Hillgreen was sent on the road to install organs, and, except for the time he was serving in the army during the War, he kept at the job of installations until 1922 when he became Assistant Manager under his father's direction, and upon the death of his father he became General Manager. His War work was with the Air Service, having enlisted in 1918 at Waco, Texas. The elder Mr. Hillgreen never acquired skill in playing the organ, his only interest being in building and voicing it, but the son evidenced a taste for music as an art, and made his first public appearance at the age of six in piano duets with his sister. By the time he was ten years old his interest in interpreting music had virtually given place to the deeper interest of building an instrument as a vehicle, and at that age he became errand boy at the factory after school hours. In temperament, ideals, aspirations and serious endeavor he is a worthy successor to his father.



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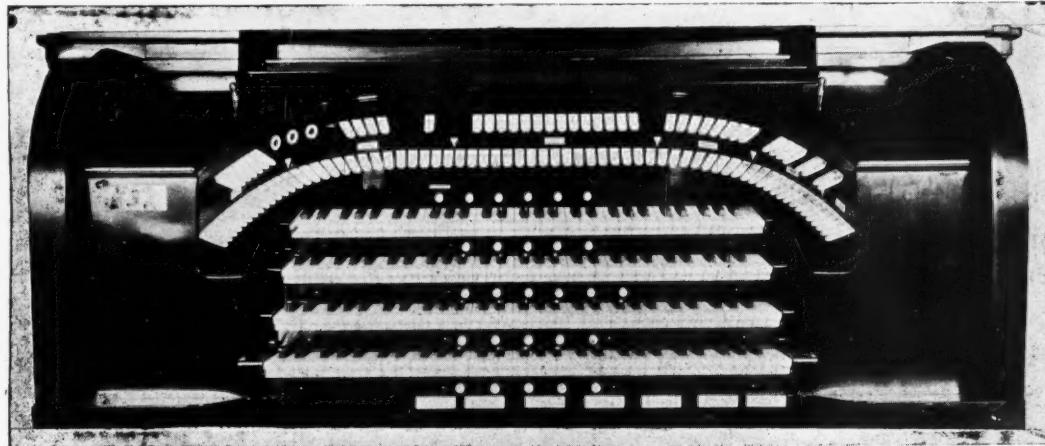
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## MR. CHARLES ALVA LANE

MR. CHARLES ALVA LANE is one of the most unexpected men in the organ industry. As editor of some magazine devoted to profound abstract thought Mr. Lane would be in his element. In some way or other the fates carried him into the organ world for the contribution his head and heart would make, and left him the world of dreams and abstract thought for an avocation and realm of relaxation.

Mr. Lane was born in West Newton, Pennsylvania, long enough ago to make him keep the date to himself, but not so long ago but that he still finds his favorite town of New York so slow and uninteresting he must needs betake himself around the whole world on cruises to satisfy his still ambitious soul and imagination. At eight years he began serious study under a private tutor, and four years later entered Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, to which city the family had moved a year before, and to which he still maintains allegiance. Yet, after a residence there for some decades, he can walk the streets of Alliance in greater peace and seclusion than he can those of New York where he is sure to be seen by some of his innumerable literary and scholarly friends.

His education was of a general character, with music as a side issue, yet he practised his side-line as a profession for some years. His mother was not seriously



SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DALLAS, TEXAS

At the opposite end of the continent another four-manual Hillgreen-Lane, and another photographic viewpoint of console convenience and efficiency. Mrs. J. H. Cassidy is organist and head of the Organ Department of the University.

musical but his father gained a reputation as a hymn-writer. Both parents were American-born; the mother was a member of the Douglas Tribe, "the most ancient and noble family in the world, and in whose veins flows the blood of forty-three European Monarchs" according to a recent historical publication; the father proudly traced his Bavarian ancestry back to the Thirteenth Century. The family had gained a comfortable bank account, when the collapse of the Jay Cooke & Co. banking interests, after the Civil War, carried with it the doom of the Lane fortune.

From college Mr. Lane entered the world as a music teacher, remaining in Alliance five years as teacher of piano and voice; he no longer plays or sings for the entertainment of others, though his great range of voice was such that he has some amusing stories to tell of his singing days in the South. At college he had been a class-mate of the late Theodore Presser. Mr. Presser's will gave Mount Union fifty thousand dollars for a Conservatory of Music Building and the college authorities were not slow to approach Mr. Lane with a large-sized question mark, which was answered with the promise of a donation of a three-manual Hillgreen-Lane Organ for the new auditorium.

In 1882 Mr. Lane abandoned teaching and went South to become a traveling representative and salesman for a musical-instrument house, with headquarters in Atlanta and eight States as his domain. There he remained until 1890, forming many friendships with the great men of the South, among them being Governor Gordon, Henry Grady, Joel Chandler Harris, Paul Hayne, and Alexander H. Stephens.

In the South he also became acquainted with Mr. Alfred Hillgreen. Both were interested in the Organ at that time, Mr. Hillgreen within a factory, Mr. Lane on the road as a salesman. The friendship grew—and endured for thirty-seven years, until the death of Mr. Hillgreen.

Mr. Lane is by nature a philosopher, a thinker. If there were any hammers and saws to be applied, it was entirely the business of his partner, Mr. Hillgreen, to furnish the application; Mr. Lane for his share would contribute the office management. His interest in the organ begins when the mass of wood and metal pipes take their places over the unfathomable intricacies of wind-chests and become an artistic entity; and his interest ends when the affair is so completely sold to a purchaser that it is not only paid for, but gloried in. That's the kind of an organ Mr. Lane wants the Hillgreen-Lane Or-

#### WASHINGTON'S CHURCH

The first American President was a Vestryman in Christ Church, Alexandria, Va. The organ now is a 3m Hillgreen-Lane. This historic old church is one of the landmarks of American history.



gan to be—the kind that gives not only satisfaction but pride to its owner.

One of his intimate friends was the late Dr. Paul Carus, Editor of *The Monist* and of *The Open Court*. He not only contributed articles to these and other philosophical magazines, but collaborated with Dr. Carus in many translations and other writings. His mental proclivities bear toward the mystical and metaphysical. Hegel, Fichte, and Schopenhauer hold a fascination for him. His English version of the German poem with the Latin title, "De Rerum Natura" has a wide circulation, and his translation of some of Herder's contemplative poems has been highly commended.

Having no family of his own to provide for, he has always been careful to assume a share in the burdens of others less fortunate than himself, and has helped a number of young people through their college years, with three orphaned grandchildren of an old author-friend receiving particular care—now happily through college days and into the realm of matrimony, with homes of their own.

It was my business to ask many personal questions in gaining Mr. Lane's story for these pages. I had one more.

"I believe you are a bachelor, aren't you?" "Is that something to boast of—or deplore?" he asked in turn. "Yes, I

am unfettered and free to love beauty and womanhood everywhere."

I can well believe he is a bachelor and not a married man. Any man who is habitually as leisurely and quiet-tempered as Mr. Lane always is (at least in New York City) could never be taken for a married man. I didn't ask him what church he held allegiance to, but he has a quiet way of answering that question when purchasing church committees profound it; he tells them,

"I am a Buddhist."

And they don't know whether to laugh or take him seriously, but they usually think it is a good joke. In fact he is pretty much a Buddhist at heart. He knows a Buddhist is not necessarily an uneducated heathen but is quite likely to be a man of culture and of an exalted ethical code quite worthy of the advanced age in which we live.

#### THE FIRM

THE FIRM of Hillgreen, Lane & Company was organized by Mr. Lane and the elder Hillgreen in 1898, with Senator Silas J. Williams as the third member. Upon his death Senator Williams' interests were sold to the other two partners. The organization has not been incorporated; it is the property of the two members of the firm. The policy of the partners has been



WASHINGTON'S PEW is shown on the left aisle by the open door. Presumably Washington knew little and cared less about organists and organs, but in the present day of questioning as to his actual character and the magnitude of his accomplishments it would be wholesome to read such a biography as Marshall's written by his contemporaries. It is a tedious work to read but it shows as nothing else can that there was and could be but one George Washington in that day and age. His character was superb, his achievements in the face of unprecedented handicaps, magnificent beyond measure.

"the best work possible, with profits a secondary consideration." And with "no stock holders to clamor for dividends," Messrs. Hillgreen and Lane have been free to so faithfully adhere to their motto that their product eloquently reflects the results.

Fair dealing and a policy of accommodation characterize the company. Hillgreen-Lane Organs have sold themselves. No salesmen have been carried by the company, though they now have representatives in New York, Chicago, Dallas, Omaha, Atlanta, and Honolulu. Mr. Gustav F. Dohring, of New York City, has been notably successful during the years of his connection with the company and has placed Hillgreen-Lane Organs liberally in this, America's most difficult territory. The Will A. Watkin Co. of Dallas at the opposite corner of the States, and the Pitts Co. of Omaha, have been equally successful in the middle and Southwest. These three energetic representatives may be taken as prophetic of what the company could do were it to undertake critical expansion. The judgment of the partners is however vastly in favor of the advantages of smaller output and close personal supervision on the part of the department heads of every item going from work-bench to a completed Hill-

green-Lane Organ. Under this careful personal supervision all the component parts of the instruments, except the larger reeds, are produced.

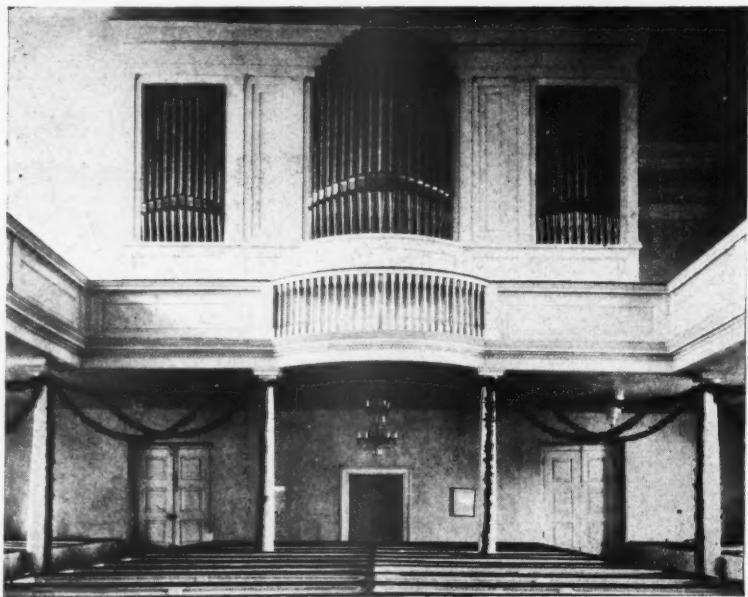
The factory is run on a low-output high-quality basis, employing about sixty men and using 24,000 feet of floor-space; the one thousandth organ will probably be contracted for during the present year.

The smallest Hillgreen-Lane Organ in the world is an instrument of one manual, five registers, 252 pipes, built in 1902, and sold for \$900. The first Hillgreen-Lane was built for the Methodist Church of Alliance, Ohio.

Among the four-manual instruments of recent years are those in the Southern Methodist University of Dallas, Texas; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Okla.; First Church of Christ Scientist, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and the Second Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, Mo., where two consoles have been installed to meet special requirements. There is also the four-manual Hillgreen-Lane in Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu, T. H., where the Company has many installations.

The success of the Company in meeting climatic conditions in Honolulu and other difficult tropical places is due, in the

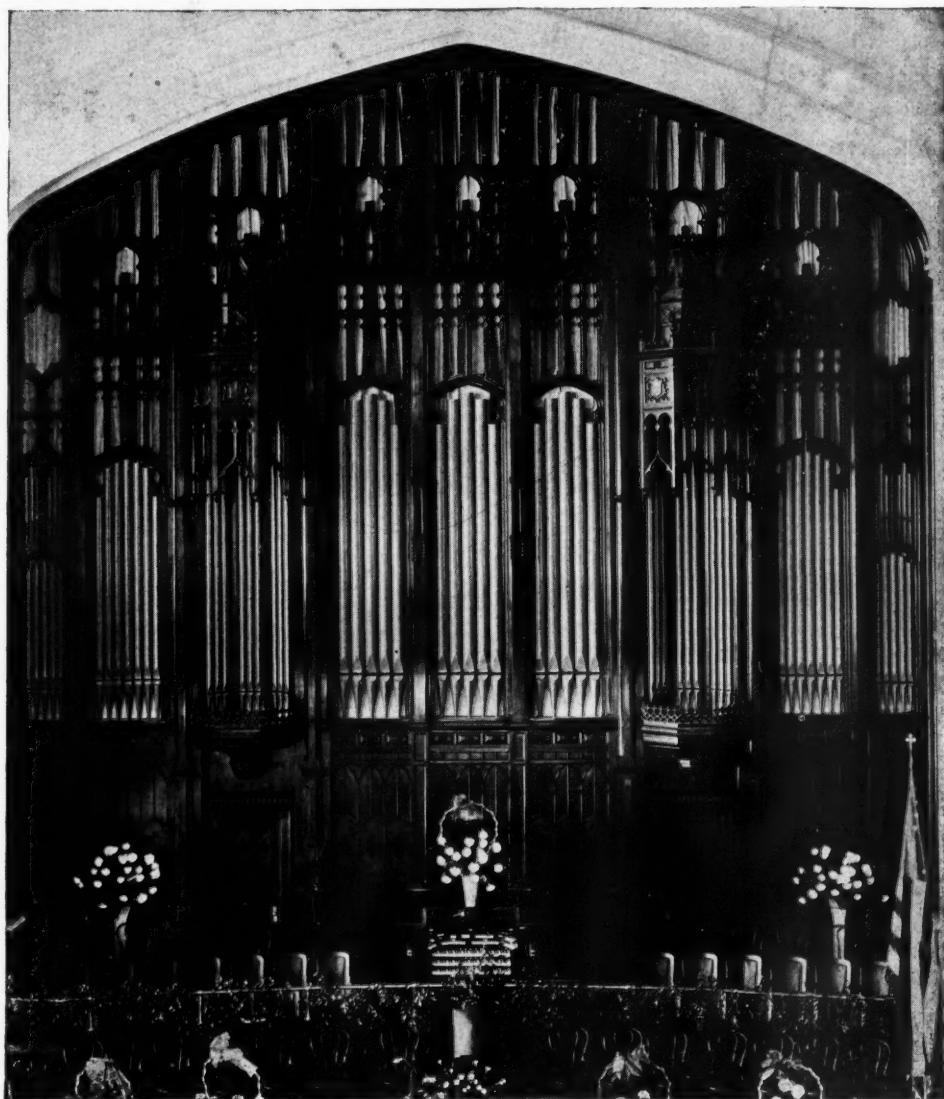
THE HILLGREEN-LANE organ-case in Christ Church, Alexander, Va., where a century and a half ago American history was in the making, largely in the hands of a Vestryman of this church who came through these portals and sought that confidence and foundation of truth and rightness that have been associated with the church for almost twenty centuries. What are we as organists doing to enhance that spirit of confidence, or even retain it, in the services we dominate?



opinion of the firm's engineers, to their special wind-chests and treatment of woods. Of the wind-chests they say:

"Our wind-chests contain no membranous material beyond the primary box.

At one end of the continent is the Hillgreen-Lane residence organ owned by Mr. Frank H. Blankenship, Dallas, Texas; at the other end is that in the beautiful residence of Mr. Gustav S. Jacobson in



McFARLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH, NORMAN, OKLA.  
Miss Helen Ruth Holbrook, organist

It is said to possess every advantage of the universal system and none of its defects. The interior is readily accessible even while the instrument is in use, synchronous response is obtained from all chambers, and a durability insured far greater than is possible from any membranous system.

"These qualities render our organs adaptable to all climates."

New Rochelle, N. Y., where Mr. Gustav F. Dohring had to solve some unusual installation problems.

Hillgreen, Lane & Company were for many years content to "dwell in their own land amidst their own people" with the result that until recently their work was unknown to many, and is even today unknown to a few who have not kept pace with organ building progress in the past



MR. HJALMAR PETERSON  
General Foreman



MR. FRANK P. HILLGREEN  
Chief Voicer



MR. MICHAEL WAGNER  
Chief Finisher

decade. Dr. Will C. Macfarlane, noted recitalist, called the Hillgreen-Lane Organ in Calvary Methodist, New York, "a splendid organ" with "individual voicing" and a "superb ensemble."

Mr. Charles M. Courboin, one of the world's great artists and tone-critics, gave two recitals on the Southern Methodist University Hillgreen-Lane and said he found the organ "responding beautifully to every demand. I liked the voicing very much indeed."

A man whose name is little known to most of us but whose position is guarantee

of his authority as judge, says, "I have played organs of practically every make both in America and abroad, and I can frankly say that the Hillgreen-Lane Organ as it is built today is one of the finest instruments made; the tone-quality, workmanship, and material are of highest grade, whether the organ be large or small." The Company prizes this appraisal because it stresses their careful treatment of the small contract as well as the large. Mr. Paolo Conte, Dean of the College of Fine Arts of Oklahoma Baptist University, was the speaker.



MR. JOHN F. CHELBERG  
Draughtsman



MR. OSCAR PETERSON  
Chest Foreman



MR. GUSTAV ADOLPHSON  
Console Foreman

Mr. Henry F. Seibert, nationally known concert artist, comments in detail on "sweetness and beauty of tone," "variety of tone color," "brilliance of ensemble," and concludes that the Hillgreen-Lane Organ in St. Stephen's Reformed Church,

own studio organ, and inscribes it "in appreciation" of their "splendid work in advancing the art of organ building in America."

I have thus called upon a few of America's finest artists to give my readers their



ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH, PERKASIE, PA.

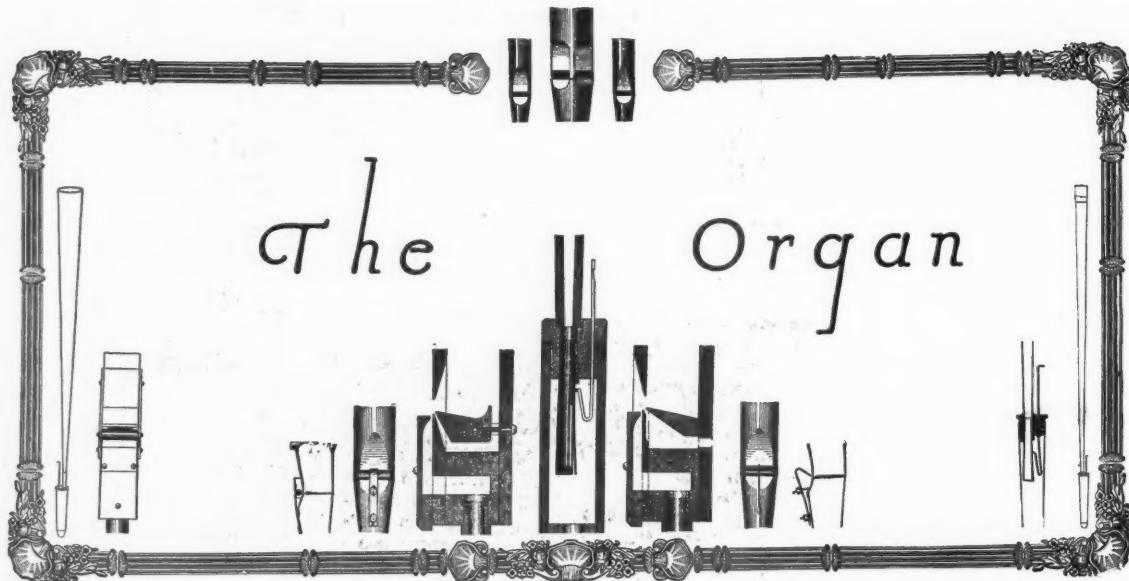
Installed by Mr. Gustav F. Dohring, Eastern Representative of the firm, and dedicated by Mr. Henry F. Seibert, Sept. 12th, 1926. The Harp was a memorial gift from one of the families of the congregation, as was also the Chimes; the console was the gift of St. Stephen's Choral Society of thirty members. Four registers were likewise the gift of four individuals—a suggestive manner of securing a new organ for your own church? Mr. Russell S. Kramer is organist of St. Stephen's.

Perkasie, Pa., "entitles you to the confidence of the profession."

Mr. Richard Keys Biggs, another of our great artists, opened the organ in St. Vincent De Paul, Newport News, Va., and commented upon "individual tone qualities of great beauty", concluding that "the entire instrument impressed me as being the product of careful visioning."

Finally, Mr. Archer Gibson, private concert organist to a select few of America's richest families, sends the Company a prized photo of himself seated at his

appraisal of an organ that in the past has been known to but a few, but in the future will be known to an ever increasing number of organists and music lovers. They reflect my own enthusiasm and give the reader more emphatically than I can a few of the reasons why every well-informed organist in our land should better acquaint himself with the work of a firm that will, if it continues the progress it has already so well begun, write its name in letters that must be recognized by all lovers of art and the beautiful.



## Diapason Chorus

Something of Unusual Merit in Organ Design for Larger Organs  
Adding Elements of Nobility and Classic Sturdiness

By WILLIAM H. BARNES, *Editor of the Department*



ACH OF US can recall that for many years Dr. Audsley in many of his writings talked of the Diapason Chorus. On the occasions of Mr. Henry Willis' visits to America this grandson of England's greatest organ builder, the present head of that illustrious firm, talked about the Diapason Chorus. I began to think it was something they had in England, but not in this Country—

Before Dr. Audsley died, he was consulted about the idea of adding a true Diapason Chorus to the organ of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia; a Diapason Chorus was designed by Senator Emerson L. Richards and the Midmer-Losh Company was chosen for its execution. The Church already had an organ of some sixty stops built many years ago by the Austin Company to which the Wanamaker organ shop several years later had added a beautiful String Organ. To this organ was added the material described in this article.

The effort was to design correctly a purely Diapason Organ of cathedral quality and to demonstrate that this is the one really satisfactory type of organ for an ecclesiastical edifice. It also demonstrates the beauty and the power of the low-pressure Diapasons, which, musically considered, are finer than the high pressure type, and can be made very nearly as powerful. The Schulze Diapason is more powerful

than the No. 2 Diapason on  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " wind, although not so fundamental in character. In addition, this organ illustrates the necessity and beauty of properly designed Mixtures. The so-called Schulze is simply magnificent and fully displays the power of the Diapason Chorus. It gives a clarity and transparency to the tone, not possible with any other type of design. Senator Richards says: "I am convinced that we have been designing our organs wrongly, and more attention must be paid to the development of family groups, particularly in the Diapasons, and that in every case proper mixtures must be supplied. Organ music, particularly polyphonic music, simply cannot be played without this type of chorus; that is why so many people find Bach dull. It is played on an Organ not designed for that type of music."

I quote Mr. Seibert Losh, the builder of this large addition to the organ which he describes as a Nave or West End Organ:

"The effect of this ensemble is tremendous, not merely in power but in majesty and grandeur. The Schulze Diapasons fully sustain their enormous reputation for power and grandeur and the five-rank Mixture, as in the celebrated example at Armley, doubles the power of the organ when it is applied. After the loudest  $12''$  Diapason is drawn, and then the  $7\frac{1}{2}''$  and the two low pressure Diapasons, each adds a considerable item to the

effect, due to the greater number of harmonies in the low-pressure freely voiced pipes. Reversing this order, of course, gives a crescendo of body as compared with a crescendo of color.

"Undoubtedly there has never been equal opportunity for a thorough study and comparison of Diapason tone. The pipes of this organ have an equal advantage in position, which is not the case with the Diapasons of the usual instrument; and it is quite certain that no organ ever built has been so definitely and clearly devoted to the development of Diapason tone."

The Mixture, voiced as smooth Diapasons, has separate tablets for each rank, grouped together so that any rank may be eliminated at will; then arranged with the general Stop-Keys is a tablet marked Grand Mixture  $8'$ . The Mixture will not play until this tablet is down, then so much of the Mixture as has been drawn will play on the manual.

When drawn at  $8'$  the harmonies are of the  $16'$  series. There is therefore another tablet marked Grand Mixture  $4'$ . When this tablet is down, the Mixture plays at  $4'$  and gives the  $8'$  harmonic series, that is, as much of it as has been drawn on the separate tablets. In practise, one usually draws all of the separate tablets and leaves them on, before beginning to play at all, and then the Mixture at  $8'$  or  $4'$  is drawn as wanted. Sometimes however, when it is desired to eliminate one or more ranks, it can be done by simply putting off the respective tablet. Each rank has 73 pipes, so as to play at the two pitches.

This Mixture has a third tablet group with the Pedal stops, marked Grand Mixture  $8'$ ; when drawn it

permits the Mixture to be used on the Pedal.

To get down to just what the Diapason Chorus consists of and the technical details involved in the pipe scales, the following is submitted by Senator Richards:

tirely enclosed was settled some time ago. It doesn't yet seem to be. Mr. Herbert Hyde, one of the leading organists of Chicago, told me the other day he did not believe in enclosing the Diapason section, that he was converted to leaving them unenclosed; here Senator Richards has done the

been provided, and it can't be done with much less than twenty-five or thirty stops, we should look to building up a Diapason Chorus. The organ here described had sixty or more stops to start with, and thus it was extremely fitting to create this great Diapason Chorus, something unique

#### LOW PRESSURE CHORUS

REGISTER	WIND	SCALE	BASS	TREBLE	MOUTH
16 Diapason	3 3/4"	34	12 Stopped Wood	49 Metal	1/4
8 Diapason Four	3 3/4"	44	17 Zinc	44 Metal	4/15
8 Diapason Three	3 3/4"	42	17 Zinc	44 Spotted Metal	2/7
4 Octave	3 3/4"	56	5 Zinc	56 Metal	1/4
2 Fifteenth	3 3/4"	70		61 Spotted Metal	1/4

#### SCHULZE MIXTURE—V—RANKS—305 PIPES

3 3/4" WIND—27 MOUTHS—44 SCALE DIAPASONS FREE-TONED  
COMPOSITION AND BREAKS  
CC-G : 15 - 19 - 22 - 26 - 29  
Tenor G-C : 8 - 12 - 15 - 19 - 22  
Treble C-C4: 1 - 5 - 8 - 12 - 15

#### HIGH PRESSURE CHORUS

	WIND	SCALE	BASS	TREBLE	MOUTH
16 Diapason	7 1/2"	30	29 Zinc	32 Metal	1/5
8 Diapason One	12"	38	17 Zinc	44 Metal	1/5
8 Diapason Two	7 1/2"	40	17 Zinc	44 Metal	1/5
4 Octave	3 3/4"	54	5 Zinc	56 Metal	2/9
4 Octave	7 1/2"	54		61 M. 7 S. M.	1/5
2 Fifteenth	7 1/2"	68		61 Metal	1/5
VII Grand Cornet	7 1/2"				1/5
8'	42	Scale			
5 1/3'	49	"			
4'	55	"			
3 1/5'	60	"			
2 2/3'	60	"			
2 2/7'	67	"			
2'	70	"			

The organ also has the Dulciana unit characteristic of Senator Richards' specifications, available from 32' to 1' pitch, which is a gorgeous, typical organ-tone affect. This unit is reinforced with a secondary rank at 8', not tuned Celeste, but in dead tune and provided only in the middle register. An enclosed section of 8' registers, consists of two Flute Harmonics, a mild Gamba, and a newly-designed register developed for Senator Richards, called Wald Horn, intended to bridge the gap between the Gamba and the Diapasons, but highly characteristic in its own tonal qualities.

There are also the usual High pressure chorus reeds, at various pitches, in use on both manuals and pedal. Only the Grand Cornet is under expression. My personal feeling is that this is a mistake. Senator Richards says to enclose the Diapasons would be to "take the shine off them." My own reaction was that some of the "shine" might well be taken off. Mr. Buhrman stated some time back that the question of an organ being en-

same thing, on a large scale. On the other hand, I would point out as more or less conclusive, that all organs which such an artist as Mr. Charles M. Courboin designs are always entirely expressive. This settles the matter for me, inasmuch as it further agrees with my own ideas.

What is the organist and the designer of church organs to learn from all this? That every organ, large or small should have some semblance of a Diapason Chorus? I don't think so. This is the theory that seems to dominate English specifications. Mr. Henry Willis congratulated (sarcastically) the editor of an organ journal (not our own, however) on a recent issue of his paper which he said contained the greatest collection of bad specifications for church organs he had seen, and two of them were my own efforts. No, I don't think the Diapason Chorus is what the average American organ needs above all else. What it needs first is a good full Swell Organ, a good Pedal Organ, and enough Diapason to support congregational singing. When these have

in the United States. I agree with what Senator Richards says about Mixtures. Mr. Hope-Jones did many things for the modern organ of great value, but he also was responsible for the fallacy that keen strings and other tones rich in harmonics would supplant mixtures. They have not, and it is becoming increasingly apparent that they cannot. There will be a reversion, in large organ design, I believe, to the use of many ranks of mixtures, of Diapason quality, to complete and round out the Diapason Chorus. Mr. Courboin says the purpose of mixtures is to "fill in the chinks". I don't think it will ever become general in small organ schemes, because there are many other things that are needed first; a bright chorus reed, approaching though by no means equalling a Diapason Mixture, can nearly always be provided.

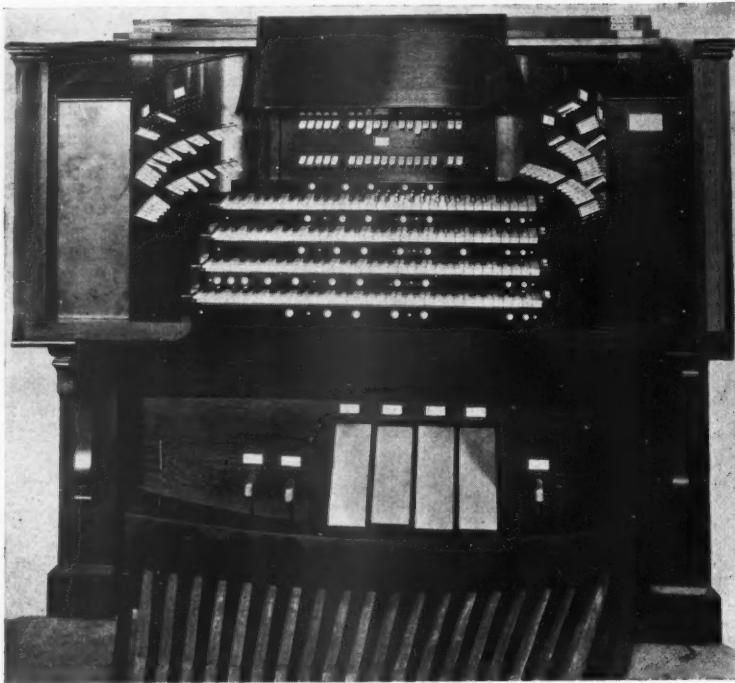
Senator Richards' scheme at St. Marks, Philadelphia, creates a landmark in American organ design. It is certainly well worth earnest consideration and study.

## The Industry Speaks for Itself

A Condensed Record of Some of the Activities of Organ Builders  
Who Alone Make Possible an Organ-Playing Profession

By OUR LETTER-OPENER

PASADENA, CALIF.	51	2	Concert Flute No. 45	76	VIOLE D'ORCHESTRE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	52	IV	MIXTURE 264m	77	73m
MR. EDWIN A. SPENCER	53	16	Oboe No. 55	78	VIOLE CELESTE 73m
DEDICATED APRIL 19, 1926	54	8	CORNOPEAN 73r	79	TIBIA 73w
V. R. S. B. P.	55		OBÖE 85r16'	80	FLUTE 73w
Pedal	5.	5.	VOX HUMANA 73r	81	Ophicleide No. 81
Great	11.	11.	Oboe No. 55	82	OPHICLEIDE 85r16'
Swell	17.	20.	Harp Celesta No. B-C	83	FRENCH HORN 73r
Choir	9.	9.	Tremulant	84	ENGLISH HORN 73r
Solo	13.	13.	Echo:	D	Ophicleide No. 81
	55.	58.	Muted Viole No. 87		Chimes No. C-C
	94.	35.	DOLCE CELESTE 61m		Tremulant
	3977.		MUTED VIOLE 85m16'		
PEDAL: V 5. R 5. S 19.					
1 32 Bourdon No. 7					
2 16 DIAPASON 32m					
3 DIAPASON No. 22-G					
4 DULCIANA No. 60-C					
5 TIBIA No. 27-G					
6 BOURDON MAJOR 32w					
7 BOURDON MINOR 44w32'					
8 BOURDON No. 36-S					
9 10½ Bourdon No. 7					
10 8 Diapason No. 22-G					
11 VIOOLONCELLO 32m					
12 Tibia No. 27-G					
13 4 Diapason No. 22-G					
14 32 TRUMPET No. 33-G					
15 16 TROMBONE 32r					
16 OPHICLEIDE No. 81-L					
17 8 Ophicleide No. 81-L					
18 Trumpet No. 33-G					
19 4 Trumpet No. 33-G					
GREAT: V 11. R 11. S 16.					
20 16 Diapason No. 22					
21 8 DIAPASON ONE 61m					
22 DIAPASON TWO 97m16'					
23 GEIGENPRINCIPAL 61m					
24 DULCIANA No. 60-C					
25 GEMSHORN 61m					
26 VIOLA D'AMORE 73m					
27 TIBIA 73w					
28 MELODIA 61w					
29 4 Diapason No. 22					
30 WALDFLOTE 61w					
31 2½ Diapason No. 22					
32 2 Diapason No. 22					
33 16 TRUMPET 73r32'					
34 8 TRUMPET 61r					
35 4 CLARION 61r					
SWELL: V 17. R 20. S 23.					
36 16 BOURDON 73w					
37 8 DIAPASON 73m					
38 VIOLIN DIAPASON 73m					
39 VIOLIN 73m					
40 SALICIONAL 73m					
41 VOIX CELESTE 61m					
42 AEOLINE 73m					
43 DOPPELFLOTE 73w					
44 STOPPED FLUTE 73w					
45 CONCERT FLUTE 85m					
46 FLUTE CELESTE 61w					
47 4 VIOLINA 73m					
48 GEDECKT 73w					
49 Concert Flute No. 45					
50 2½ Concert Flute No. 45					
CHOIR: V 9. R 9. S 18.					
58 16 Dulciana No. 60				88	FERNNOTE 73w
59 8 DIAPASON 73m				89	Muted Viole No. 87
60 DULCIANA 97m16'				90	VOX MYSTICA 73r
61 VIOLA D'AMORE No. 26-G					Tremulant
62 UNDA MARIS 61m					COUPLERS: 37.
63 CLARABELLA 73w					PISTONS: 26.
64 CONCERT FLUTE 85w					CRESCENDOS: 3.
65 FLUTE CELESTE 61m					Register Crescendo easily adjustable.
66 QUINTADENA 73m					Stop-list selected by Mr. Clarence D.
67 4 Dulciana No. 60					Kellogg.
68 Concert Flute No. 64					Specifications presented from data fur-
69 2½ Dulciana No. 60					nished by Mr. Edward Cadoret Hopkins.
70 2 Dulciana No. 60					
71 Concert Flute No. 64					
72 8 CLARINET 73r					
73 ORCHESTRAL OBOE 73r					
74 8 HARP CELESTA 49mb					
75 GAMBIA 73m					
SOLO: V 13. R 13. S 18.					
74 8 DIAPASON 73m					



PASADENA, CALIF.: FIRST BAPTIST CONSOLE

**AN ASTOUNDING UNIT**  
MR. ELLIOT BUILDS ONE HIS OWN  
WAY AND DOES SOMETHING GOOD  
CAN ANYTHING GOOD come out of  
a Unit? If Mr. Elliot will tell just  
what the purchaser, the Wakefield  
Theater, paid for the Welte Organ  
used temporarily in the Exhibition of  
Architecture and Allied Arts, New

York, whose specifications are given in full in this issue, and then give the specifications of a Straight, and an Augmented Organ, the question can be accurately answered to the satisfaction of each for himself. In going to hear the organ after an examination of the specifications I wondered what could be the result. I know Mr. Elliot well enough to know that he neither bows to tradition nor the opinion of the day but uses his own intelligence, so I knew something good would result.

## THE ORGAN

courage slip-shod reading. The specification presented herewith gives all the data that can be required excepting the important points of relative dynamic strength of the various registers and the scales.

The basic materials are:

- 1 Diapason—7 stops
- 2 Strings—13 stops
- 2 Flutes—22 stops
- 4 Reeds—22 stops

We must not forget that this organ was not built, nor is it presented here,

decades the profession will be able to honestly examine a Unit. I hated the things myself, once. We live and learn. I have learned that they have their place, now and then. Will Mr. Elliot give us two specifications he is willing to build for the same price the Wakefield paid for this Unit, a Straight and an Augmented, and name the price?

Messrs. Maurice Garabrant of Garden City Cathedral and Alexander McCurdy of the Lexington Theater

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2	8'	85	VIOLIN	8-4	16-8-4-2		8-4			
3	8'	73	VIOLA	8	8-4		8-4			
4	8'	73	*TIBIA CLAUSA	8	16-8-4		8-4 8s-4s	8-4		
5	16'	101	FLUTE	32-16-8	8-4 22 $\frac{1}{3}$ -2-1 $\frac{1}{3}$		16-8-4-2			
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7	8'	61	CLARINET		16-8		8 8s	8		
8	8'	73	*VOX HUMANA		16-8		8-4	8		
9	8'	61	KINURA		8		8	8		
A	4'	49	*CELESTIA		4		4	8-4		
B	4'	37	*XYLOPHONE		4		4	4-2		
C	2'	37	GLOCKENSPIEL		2		2 2s	2		
			Orchestral Bells		2			2		
D	8'	20	CHIMES	8s			8s	8		
	a		Bass Drum	B	Bs					
	b		*Tympani	T						
	c		*Cymbal	C	Cs					
	d		*Chinese Gong	Gs						
	e		*Snare Drum Tap			T				
			Roll			R	Rs			
			Muffled			M				
	f		*Triangle			Ts				
	g		*Tom Tom			T				
	h		*Castanet			C				
	i		*Tambourine			T				
	j		*Chinese Block Tap			B				
			Roll			R	Rs			
	k		*Shuffle			S				
	l		*Bird			B				

I was surprised at the very big and quite solid full organ, plenty of brilliance, cleanliness, vitality; not quite so muddy as a full Straight. The individual voices were attractive and in no case over-done as in current Unit practise. The only fault I could find was perhaps a slight limitation of variety in fundamental tone colors; there were only nine registers, electrified into fifty-eight stops, to which were added five percussions expanded to fourteen stops more, with sixteen traps.

Were I buying a residence or studio organ I should certainly ask Mr. Elliot to show me what he could do with economy on a Unit scheme, for only the Unit would give me registrational variety enough for practise purposes.

This organ, like all others, is hardly worth examining at all unless the readers take the time to study it diligently. It is a question if the struggle for an easy and quick method of printing specifications has not done more damage than good, in that it tended to en-

able a model of what an organ should be structurally. It was built to serve a purchaser, and is presented here to show what a master of unit methods considers can be done. The form of presentation is that devised, and we believe first used publicly in print, by Mr. Robert Pier Elliot who thus became virtually the first organ builder interested in unit methods to deal honestly with his public and tell candidly the exact content of his instruments.

It is too bad that the world is still peopled with those careless souls who, having eyes to see with, none the less do not see, and who will therefore ride off on a tangent and consider that Mr. Elliot is a unit champion and only a unit builder. Mr. Elliot, however, is abundantly able to give an account of himself and will certainly be doing so in the years immediately to come, and that quite handsomely.

It is too late now to commend the particular Unit to a thorough examination by the profession. Or perhaps it's too early: I suppose in three more

supplemented the Welte Reproducing Organ and kept the organ in use throughout the Exhibition. It was the first time in my life I could sit on the bench with another man playing the organ for an hour without consigning him to perdition with questions why he did or did not do this or that; I sat with Mr. Garabrant with the greatest pleasure while he played an informal program at random for the crowds gathered about him. He could play, and did, VALENCIA as well as the classics; he was always musical. I commend him to a builder who needs the right kind of an organist for residence work in the homes of millionaire Americans who will thoroughly enjoy their investments if Mr. Garabrant plays for them.—T. SCOTT BUHRMAN.

NOTE: The \* indicates material in the second crescendo chamber. The letter s in the stop lists indicates Second Touch. Traps are indicated in the stop lists by the initial letter best suited to that purpose.

## Modernizing

By FRANK BLASHFIELD

ORGANS have generally been well built. The fact that there are still in operation organs built fifty years ago, evidences that materials and workmanship were substantial.

During the past fifty years some very splendid refinements of tone quality and a few distinctive developments of new voices have obtained. Yet in the main no such radical departure from fundamentals of tone production has rendered fifty-year-old organs obsolete tonally.

In the facilities for operating the voices however we find a very radical departure from methods employed fifty years ago. Standards have changed. Then, the rule was a two-manual tracker-action with Unison Couplers only. Now the demand is for three-manual electric-action with radiating concave pedal-board, Unison and Octave Couplers, Combination Pistons and Toe Studs, Crescendo, Sforzando, Reversibles, Cancels and special accessories. The lack of these modern facilities for using the tonal resources is what makes the organ an old one, and not the disintegration of its parts.

There was a transitional period. The limitations of tracker action inspire the genius of the builders. Valves could be opened and pneumatic motors could be actuated by wind pressure and thus the pneumatic action was evolved; each builder to his own devising. Some were good, as evidenced by their survival. Others struggle along in mediocrity. The very complexity of pneumatic action, and its inaccessibility for adjustment, hastened the adoption of the electric magnet as an intermediary between primary valve and keys. Hence the electro-pneumatic action. The possibilities of electro-pneumatic action seem unlimited and the practicability of hundreds of devisements are now serving to enhance the tonal resources of the organ.

But what of the old organs that sound good and are good except for the action work? Must they be scrapped to give way for new ones? Approach Mr. Trustee someday after he has balanced last year's budget and made up next year's: suggest to him that something ought to be done to the organ. Then when his blood pressure is approaching 150 give him these remarks to read.

If pull-motors can be applied to wind-chest valves and operated instantaneously by an electric-pneumatic; and stopsiders, or ventilis as the case may be, can be similarly operated; and, if it is possible to substitute newly voiced pipes for some; and the whole connected to a new console having all modern equipment: and all

### HONESTY, PLEASE!

*THOSE who would ask space in the pages of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST for their specifications will kindly remember the Specification Form required for these pages. First comes honesty in nomenclature. Manifestly if a set of pipes sound like Diapasons when drawn by an electric contact on the left, they cannot possibly become Violoncello pipes when drawn by the current on the right. All borrowed stops must bear honestly the name of the registers from which they are derived; there is no exception. A builder who fails to recognize the value of dynamic indications, ppp to fff, in a printed specification or on the engraved stop-tongues, is quite out of sympathy with the problems of the player.*

this at a cost of less than half what a new organ would cost, we have a solution to the seeming penalty we are paying for the advance in arts and sciences. This can be and has been successfully done.

Contemplated from another angle. When abandoning the old organ, the evident substantiality of it urges its sale for some consideration. The average allowance is five hundred to a thousand dollars toward a new organ. Or if sold outright, a similar amount in cash. Then someone has to move and erect it in another church. In its new location it is probably worth all that it cost, but it is still an old organ. The pipes are good. The wind-chests and bellows, and the case and front pipes are good, that is with the same minor repairs that they would get if sold outright. What a pity to sacrifice so much that seems valuable. And so if by the process of modernizing we can convert this loss into a gain we have done a real service. Incorporated into a modern organ, or rebuilt just as it is, it automatically assumes the practical value of a new organ, because it is restored to the satisfactory service of a new organ.

Modernizing is not a new idea by any means. Any reputable builder will enter into the spirit of so obvious a proposition. The matter should be taken up with that builder with whom you have established satisfactory contact. It is true however that today every reputable builder is busy, as he should be, building new organs. Thats his business and he puts his heart into it; finding plenty of problems to solve in the constructive competition

he is enmeshed in. His engineering force is trained in, and his field men are familiar with his own particular practise. The rebuilding of another action foreign to them presents an unfamiliar problem to the manufacturer of new organs. Therefore modernizing is more or less a one-man institution and those men who specialize in this separate field of service are engaged in an endeavor that in no wise conflicts with the manufacturer and is a splendid commitment.

### DESIGNING ORGANS

By CHARLES M. COURBOIN

I READ with interest the article written by W. A. Goldsworthy in the February issue of THE AMERICAN ORGANIST. I have, however, a suggestion to add to the list of organ "Consultors," that of William Barnes of Chicago.

Barnes knows what he is talking about, judging from the organ he has personally installed in his own home and by his conversations with me. His ideas are thoroughly up-to-date, and it is fortunate indeed to have in this particular field a man of his caliber and his knowledge, willing to do this sort of work. He really does it so intelligently. So many so-called designers are no designers whatsoever. I know of some with greater reputation who do not know the difference between a primary and a relay, for instance; this is only one example of the many.

It is high time this sort of pretence is exposed. We would have better instruments.

I am glad to be included in the list of Mr. Goldsworthy of those he thinks competent to design organs, but there are a few others just the same, unfortunately not very numerous.

In my humble opinion organ designing does not merely consist of making a specification; that is the easiest part of it, although quite important. In my estimation a designer of consultant ought to be able to show the organ builders or parties interested why any particular sort of mechanism, pipe, and so forth, is better than others, and to it conclusively. At least Bill Barnes can do that.

### ECONOMY-EFFICIENCY

IN THE shortness of this life let us know well what we must know, and not try to know too well what others need to know. An honest exchange of knowledge saves us the futility of learning too much.

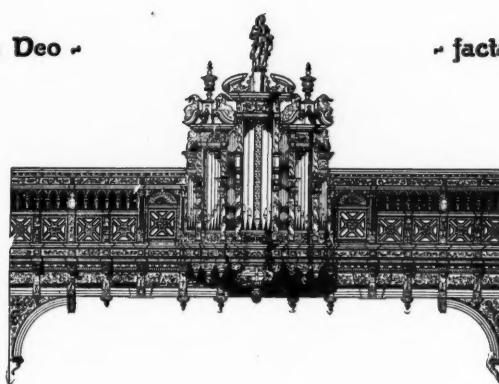
—AMERICAN WEEKLY

### YOU CANNOT CONTROL—

—the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth.  
—the other fellow's opportunities, but you can grasp your own.

- gratias Deo -

- facta non verba -



# The Church



## Mr. Dunham's Department

In which a Practical Idealism and Human Musicianship are Applied to the Problems of the Organist and Choirmaster

that the bass part is to be played in the octave in which it is written. Otherwise when the pedals are used we would have, in case the lower octave were used, a thirty-two foot bass instead of the adequate and proper sixteen. Moreover the melodic writing of the bass would become badly distorted unless the entire part were played an octave lower. Yet we know of an organist whose practise it is to resort to this utterly unmusical trick habitually in his playing and in his teaching. If this gentleman had an orchestra playing a Beethoven symphony he would, to be consistent, require the cellos and basses to play the octave below whenever the part became at all high.

Not long ago we heard one of the most famous choirs in the country over the radio. At the very start was a hymn. After playing it over the organist gave us the surprise of the season by sounding a single note (the pitch of the first soprano note) just in advance of the attack of the choir. We had supposed this ancient trick to be so far relegated to antiquity that we should never hear it again unless in a distinctly rural district. It belongs, of course, to the past century of American church music.

A third difficulty we heard mismanaged was that of the quick repeated

### Mr. Dunham's Comment

VERY MANY organists in small places are interested to attend a service in a city church of importance as often as possible in order to learn some of the details that they may imitate, and improve the work they are doing. This is commendable and usually profitable. It is, however, no guarantee. In these days of radio and easy access to other cities this method of obtaining information has been a source of considerable enlightenment both as to how to get certain effective results and as to how not to do certain things.

We are going to take some of the reader's time in enumerating a few of the faults that have come to our personal notice in the past few months. It is perfectly amazing that such inexcusable errors in judgment and offenses against good taste should be perpetrated by organists of supposed standing and reputation. Yet in each case the offender has been an organist whose name would be recognized at once.

The first instance we shall note is in regard to playing the bass part of hymns. It is a recognized principle

notes in an accompaniment. Without some sort of a sustained background the effect is decidedly thin and furnishes a slender support, particularly for singers. This instance we mention showed an entire ignorance of any solution following a plea of the singer for more support.

So much has been said about phrasing in organ playing that it would seem unnecessary to remind players today that this is one of the essentials of modern performance. Several times of late we have heard playing which contained not the least conception of this vital detail. Not only in organ pieces but in hymns and in anthems have we listened to a continuous unrelieved legato from the beginning to the bitter end. And this from experienced organists of no tottering burden of years.

Another habit which should be studied is that of consigning all registration to pistons. With a constant change in the lay-out of pistons this may be excused. There is a constant danger, however, in forgetting or neglecting to make these changes. The result would then be a stilted and meagre use of our resources, which is often found in the work of even good players.

The common fault of over-playing the choir or soloist we have dwelt upon in a previous Editorial. The playing of an accompaniment which is colorful and tonally "just right" is a matter which requires study and practise. Many an organist does this part of his work with absolutely no thought or preparation. Is there any wonder that accompaniments are so frequently bad?

We have taken the space for this rather extended criticism of perform-



ances we have heard, not with any idea of berating the particular organists who have done these things but in order to call the attention of our readers these to sins that perhaps they may be committing themselves, or that they have heard committed by others whom they have considered worthy of emulation. None of us is free from faults and in an art like ours there can be no perfection at all times. But we can avoid elementary erudities. We recommend that organists who listen to those whose reputations are great, be not ready to accept everything because of this reputation. Sift out the wheat from the chaff and make only the former your own.

### Calendar Suggestions

By R. W. D.

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**  
"THREE WOMEN WENT FORTH"—H. A. Matthews. An unaccompanied anthem, not difficult, has all the tunefulness that one may expect from this composer. There is division in all parts. 8p. (Ditson)

"AWAKE UP MY GLORY"—J. E. West. One of the less difficult of the many Easter anthems by a skilled writer, no solos, stirring. 10p. (Ditson)

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"—Andrews. Cleverly devised and attractive, soprano solo, fugal ending. Not difficult. 8p. (Gray)

"OUR MASTER HATH A GARDEN"—H. E. Crimp. Of unusual character in a rather modern style, unacknowledged text, lovely melodic ideas. Easy to sing, no solos, good organ part. 8p.

#### MAY 8

"THIS IS THE DAY"—Harwood. Of more difficulty, a most interesting piece of choral counterpoint, ingenious rhythmical detail, short soprano solo, splendid organ part. 8p. (Novello)

"Lo, WINTER IS PAST"—Luard-Selby. Previously recommended as an old favorite. Medium difficulty, no solos. 8p.

"O SING UNTO THE LORD"—Chas. Bennett. A new and worthy anthem of festival proportions of medium difficulty; solos for soprano, tenor, baritone; free organ part. Choirmasters should examine this. 12p. (Ditson)

"GREAT IS THE LORD"—Sydenham. Moderately easy with a contrasting middle section for solo voices followed by a chorus part with big climax. 10p.

#### MAY 15

"HALLELUJAH"—Beethoven. No chorus of this master has the popular appeal and general use of this. No comment necessary.

"THE LORD IS MY STRENGTER"—Hadley. Moderately difficult, of choral quality, solos for alto, tenor, bass, 11p. (Schirmer)

"FAR FROM THE WORLD"—Parker. For tenor or soprano and chorus. In the best style of this composer. 7p. (Novello)

"THERE SHALL BE NO MORE NIGHT THERE"—D. D. Wood. Perhaps the best-liked anthem of this composer; for soprano with choral background. A first class singer is needed, though the work is not difficult. 8p.

#### MAY 22

"BE GLAD, O YE RIGHTEOUS"—Smart. One of the old English favorites, not difficult; a melodious duet for tenor and baritone. 10p.

"O LORD, THY WORD ENDURETH"—Lemare. A new anthem by a popular organist. Easy to sing, duet for contralto and tenor. The melodious character may be assumed. 10p. (Schmidt)

"TE DEUM IN F"—F. W. Snow. We rarely suggest a canticle, but this new setting is so full of interest that all choirmasters should acquaint themselves with it. While obviously for boys, it may be used with mixed voices. The writing is original and excellent throughout; baritone solo. Not easy. 15p. (Ditson)

"THE LORD IS MY LIGHT"—Maitland. Full anthem without solos, vigorous in treatment. The choir will enjoy it as will the listeners. 8p. (Gray)



## Children's Choir Problems

### Practical Suggestions for Managing Junior Choirs and Cultivating the Child-Voice

By ELIZABETH VAN FLEET VOSSELLER



GOING BACK to a subject already treated in a former issue I would again stress the value of vocal classes in Children's Choir work. Individual lessons should not be given until a child has worked for a time in a vocal class. In class-work the child develops confidence, ability to observe differences of tone-production (no two children will sing exactly alike) enthusiasm, and a deepened interest through competitive work.

We suggested for the first month, breath-control, humming, the use of the middle and high voice before doing much work on the low tones; the scales of E, E-flat, D, F (high), F-sharp, and G. These scales were to be sung descending first, and later ascending.

Presuming the class can breathe easily (taking the breath through the nose to prevent tightness of throat) hum softly on "m"; and sing a soft, easy tone on "loo"; we proceed to the development of a single tone.

Permit the class to experiment with their own voices and report at the next lesson which tone in their voice they

**MAY 29**  
Sunday after Ascension (Memorial)  
"KING ALL GLORIOUS"—Barnby. For liturgical use this old favorite is always welcomed. Tenor and baritone solos, free organ part.

"COME NOW, LET US REASON TOGETHER"—Wareing. English in style with fine text and appropriate for this occasion. Not difficult, solo for high voice. 10p. (Novello)

"IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD"—William. A war-time anthem by one of our most skilled composers, tenor solo; division of parts is required. Medium difficulty. 10p. (Gray)

"WHEN WILT THOU SAVE THE PEOPLE?"—J. S. Matthews. A good setting of a fine poem which should be familiar to everybody. May be sung a capella, moderately difficult. 8p.

#### ORGAN MUSIC

Jongen—Song of May  
Gigout—Scherzo  
Gaul—Daguerrotype  
MacFarlane—Evening Bells  
Rheinberger—Sonata No. 20  
Stanford—Sonata Eroica  
Smith—Idyll, The Sea  
Vierne—Third "symphony"  
Hollins—Song of Sunshine  
Ques—Calme du Soir  
Parker—Concert Piece No. 2  
James—Fetes



discovered to be the easiest and sound to them the best. Let the class hear these "model-tones", have a discussion on the different qualities they hear from each other, and then from the "model-tone" of their voice match up their entire scale.

The method we use on these long tones is a hum turned to an "oo" into an "o". This opens the tone a little, and when it is free, forward, clear and as much on the lips as the hum, move into an "aw". This opens the tone still more, and the child can get the "sound" and "feel" of it so plainly, that there is no mistaking which tone is the best.

The next step will be to introduce a song, which will greatly interest the class, for that is what all this effort is for. Without the ability to sing songs well in the end, why bother with all this fuss over a proper tone?

A hymn makes a good start. Take Robert Lowry's setting of "I Need Thee Every Hour". The children of the church and Sunday-School will all know this hymn. Permit the class (about four) to sing it in unison, and then individually.

Choose the bravest child to make the start, and after he is through, ask such questions as these: How did you like that? Did he give you the meaning of the song? What is the meaning? What sort of a song would you say this is: gay, sad, strong, appealing? Does it mean anything to you? Do we need God? Why use this song as a solo in a service? Will it be to show off what a fine voice you have; to make your family proud; or to help the congregation and choir feel a greater desire to have God in their lives? Then how will we go about making this appeal to the congregation? Yes, we must feel it ourselves.

Now try the next child and see if he can give a more moving performance. What is the matter? The tones are pinched. How shall we help that? We must find the vowel in the word. Take "need". The "e" must be mixed with "o" to enrich it. Sing "o-e-o"; "o-e"; then "e". Now put "n" in front of it "nee"; letting the "e" flow out into a pure tone. Then sound "d" several times. Now sing "nee", and when the tone is to be ended, add "d" for a finish. Never bite down on a consonant: we must sing our tones on the vowel-sound of the word.

After this drill the tone will be much more free, and the children will see how they are to go about making all their tones easy.

Now explain about the accents. Where do we put our accents in our music? On the first of each measure. Yes, that is the big one. A good composer plans his song so that the important words fall on the accent. But frequently a singer is to give an added meaning to a phrase by going over it carefully, and giving an accent to each word in turn.

Take, "I need Thee every hour". Have the class sing it in the rhythm of the sing on the pitch of third space C. First make them accent the "I"; then "need"; then the next word, and so on. As they linger a little on the accent, they will discover a new meaning to the sentence, and afterwards when they set the phrase in the song, you will discover a new mental attitude in the way they do it.

Sum up the lesson something like this:

We want to learn to sing this song in a manner that shall inspire our listener with an increased desire to become intimate with God. Read over the entire hymn carefully, and choose for your own singing the stanzas that make the greatest appeal to you. Hum the tune over carefully, watching your breathing; sing the entire song through; then go back phrase by phrase, as we have done today. Watch for a proper accent, fine pronunciation, vowels that are sweet, easy, and beautifully sung.



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Each day stand up and sing this song as though you were a great artist. A great artist puts his tools in order. Your tools will be your breathing, your voice, and your position in standing. A great artist knows his song, and forgets himself in singing it. See if you cannot be an artist this week!

### Catholic Music

By FREDERICK W. GOODRICH

**H**AS NOT the mass of authoritative legislation on Catholic Church Music crystallized it into a convention that cannot be ignored without incurring the risk of being disloyal and disobedient? Is Catholic music a matter of individual taste on the part of the director or priest in charge? We see this conventionalism in the architecture, the painting, the sculpture, the stained glass and the needlecraft of the church, and what reason have we for assuming that the art of music could be exempt?



I well remember in one of the most beautiful of the smaller English Cathedrals, in violent contrast to its lively Gothic architecture preserved from pre-reformation days, a stained glass window of recent date depicting King Edward frock coat and tall silk hat. Imagine the incongruity of such a window among the otherwise conventional surroundings.

All thoughtful persons concede the Church the right to develop all these arts in her own way. The world in general concedes that there is a church style and when the atmosphere of the church is reproduced upon the stage, the music used is not the cheap melody of a La Hache, a RoSewig, a Leonard, or a Millard, but solemn and somewhat archaic modal strains like those of the church scene in Gounod's "FAUST" or the ancient melody of "TE DEUM LAUDAMUS" quoted in Puccini's "LA Tosca".

Granting then that there is a conventional church style, the second and most important of our questions is answered most decidedly in the negative. All those in charge of the church's music should therefore banish all music that recalls secular events. The secular reminiscence is inevitable when inappropriate music is heard in the church.

When Lemare's ANDANTINO was jazzed into "Moonlight and Roses", it ceased to be suitable for the church. When the BRIDAL CHORUS from "LOH-ENGRIN" became the music for introducing the elephants in Ringling's Circuses or the bevy of unclad beauties in a Ziegfeld Follies, it ceased at that moment to be a proper selection for the solemn ceremony of a Catholic marriage. The GRAND MARCH from "TANNAUSER" is not the proper music to accompany the entry of an Archbishop into his Cathedral Church, the BERCEUSE from "JOCELYN" or a love song of Schubert is not religious enough to serve as the accompaniment to the solemn blessing of a newly ordained priest.

"Consistency, thou are a jewel", said the old English poet. Catholic organists should seriously consider their music for the solemn functions of the church. The spirit and mind of the church should be followed and the rubrics of the church should be obeyed as far as conditions permit.

A little story illustrating this point will serve to conclude. A young priest attached to a Catholic Cathedral Church approached the organist, who is somewhat strict in observing rubrics, and suggested that he play the organ all through a solemn requiem mass and not stop when the voices ceased. "Yes", said the organist, "I will be glad to do so, when you wear a green vestment for a requiem". That was consistency.



# Photoplaying

## Managers of Heavenly Descent

Photoplaying Isn't an Art but the Enjoyment of an Investment  
 They Bought the Darned Things and Pay Us to Use Them  
 Full Steam Ahead and No Pax Vobiscum

By L. G. DEL CASTILLO



JUST READ THIS and take courage: The theater manager, according to combined secondary definitions given by Webster, is the "adroit schemer of a place designed for show, display or effect." Theater organists subscribe enthusiastically to this. Now some of my best friends are theater managers, and I personally have never had trouble with any of them. For the most part I have respected the ability of those under whom I have worked.

But perhaps I have been lucky. In my teaching experience my indignation has been too often aroused by tales of woe brought by tyrannized pupils abandoned to the mercies of managers whose despotism was in proportion to their ignorance. It is unfortunately quite true that to the average manager Schubert is a contemporary theater owner and producer, and variously known as Lee or Jake. Accelerando the name of the foot pedal that makes automobiles go faster. In this characteristically American mushroom growth of the picture theater, properly trained managers have been as far behind the demands of the situation as organists. Maybe a little farther.

Originally the theater manager was a gentleman, though not necessarily that, who knew how to book pictures and was a good enough horse-trader

to keep rentals within reason. This was in the Pre-Presentation Era when something remotely related to music, but with not even that kinship to screen action, was catapulted to the ear-drums from the powerful hands of a pianist and a drummer. So far as the manager was concerned the music took care of itself, unless he noticed that it wasn't as loud as usual, when he was compelled to send down to the pit and "ask them there Satellites of Orpheus what the this-and-that they thought they were getting paid for." Any such fantastic ideas as large orchestras and organs playing appropriate music, or a front staff trained to treat the customer as an Honored Guest rather than a Necessary Evil, would have been laughed out of court.

Then the Movies began to grow up, and presumptuously elbow aside the legitimate theater for a place in respectable society. And how they have grown! It doesn't take a middle-aged man to remember when the term "movie palace" was a joke instead of a fact, and a "movie show" a form of entertainment consisting solely of an hour or two of film exhibition accompanied by any old kind of desultory music. What I am here and now concerned with is that the present extraordinary development of first class picture theater with all the trimmings has not by a long shot made this pioneer type of theater obsolete.

In fact, for a pessimist its darker re-action is to emphasize the contrast, at the same time it gives the lesser musician a star to hitch his console to. It is an irrevocable law that there can be no top unless there is a bottom; the higher up it is to the top, the lower down it is to the bottom. However, there now exists a ladder where none grew before; no matter how slippery are the rungs, yet there they are, worth all the struggles around the base.

But before we get lost in a forest of metaphors, we might indulge in a little examination of conditions at the top of the ladder, particularly as they affect the relationship of organist and manager. The first point to be noted is that the house manager has developed into a managing director, and his old job is taken over by a subordinate. Inasmuch as a good half of the managing director's activities consist of supervision, and in many cases production, of the stage and musical program, there has come into being a broader-gauge executive of more esthetic leanings and abilities with an essential if sometimes superficial knowledge of stagecraft and music.

It can at once be granted that so far as the first class house is concerned, conditions are about as satisfactory as they can ever hope to be. Managers of such houses are not trained musicians and never will be, but they know enough about music to know what they do not know, and when not to interfere. It is as true today as it ever was that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing; but nevertheless a little knowledge accompanied by a sense of proportion can be a very useful thing.

There exists at the home office of Publix Theaters, and for all I know

the same may be true of other exhibiting companies, a Managers' Training School. Promising applicants are taught the fundamentals of their trade, and one department is devoted to music problems. Now no incipient manager is going to be a Rapée or a Rothafel in ten easy lessons; but at least he will have been spared the humiliation of berating the bassoon player for not earning his money because he caught him taking his twenty-four measures rest. The intelligent criticisms of managers of this class that I have come in contact with are generally based on their observations of audience reaction, rather than on personal opinion.

The converse is true of the inferior manager of the second, third, and so on down to the one hundredth, class. Of course I don't wish to generalize too sweepingly. There are hundreds, and maybe thousands, of managers of small houses throughout the country who are not only nice fellers to get along with but have a pretty good grasp on their onions, in the bargain. They insist on a clean house, courteous employees, carefully run film, a smooth show, and good music. They know what they want in lights, projection, effects, and music, and to a limited degree how to get it. If an operator or an electrician or a musician claims he can't get such and such a required result, such a manager has enough savvy to decide whether the man is lazy or incompetent or is speaking the truth. More power to them, and may they rise to theaters commensurate with their abilities.

But there is, sad to say, a larger class about whom nothing praiseworthy can be said except that they know the film market. These are the Bad Boys who make the organist take to drink, go back to the dance orchestra, or start selling vacuum cleaners at back doors. It is on their hard boiled heads that I now purport to make the hammers ring. The impression will not be felt by them, but I will sleep better for having it off my chest.

My first indictment against them is that they think the organ is a great deal like the furnace; once bought you need do nothing more to it than engage someone to run it. Maybe tune it once every two years or so, and then again maybe not. Who can tell the difference? (It's unfortunately the truth that few of his patrons can.) The only thing that will make a dent in his code of *laissez faire* is a cipher on the 16' Trombone, assuming for the moment the unlikely possibility that the organ has a 16' Trombone. To be more consistent I might say a cipher on the Great, but it must be kept in mind that the organist can cancel the Great and play the show entirely on the remaining manual,



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Everett E. Truette and Henry Whiting, and  
New England Conservatory; teacher and  
church organist for eighteen years, now doing  
substitute theater work.—M.M.

which completely solves the problem so far as the manager is concerned.

No, let's give the organ a good powerful Trombone, and equip the organist with a sudden total ignorance of how to take the pipe out. And now see what a black hearted deceitful wretch the manager is. We have here a new organ with a limited term of guaranteed free service. The manager has encouraged the organist to come tell him every time low C on the Dulciana goes dead, or the Bird-whistle runs out of water, when he will instantly call up the factory to find out why the theater isn't getting service.

But here we have a line in the scenario saying that on the previous day the term of free service expired. The luckless organist, being unaware of this, or relying on the manager's now well established benevolence, innocently enters the Sanctum Santorum with a confident request for service to get this Trombone cipher fixed. With a good powerful 8-tube imagination you can picture the result. "What!" yells the outraged boss, "I should pay five dollars for a one pipe to fix? What kind organist are you that don't know how to fix one pipe? There you got thousands of pipes in your organ and you come to me with a hollar about a repairman to make a trip special to fix just one. If you can't do a little simple job like that I will have to get an organist who can!"

This unexpected cataclysm presents three alternatives to the organist. He can either go back to the job and pretend the cipher is the noise of some motor on the premises, or he can play

all his music in that key and pretend it requires a sustained Pedal Point on that note, or he can leave the picture flat while he climbs into the organ chamber, tears his pants, bumps his head, gets dirt all over his hands and clothes and a smudge on his nose, and wrangles with the Grampa of Trombone pipes, knocking the tuning slide a minor third out of pitch, stepping on a few small pipes getting in and out, and leaving an eight-inch pressure leak that will be handy for the tornado episodes in the picture but slightly annoying the rest of the time.

Eventually the manager will grumbly summon the repairman, but the organist's troubles have begun. I think perhaps the blow is greater for the organist who has become all thrilled with the idea of a lovely new organ and further lulled by the free-service period, than for the one who is used to fighting a wheezy Nineteenth Century one-lunger that he never expects to find running on all two cylinders anyway. But in any case the result is the same. After a few major engagements the attack becomes a retreat, and the retreat a rout, until the disgusted and disillusioned organist reaches the point where all enthusiasm disappears and he perfunctorily plods through his work, gingerly picking his way between the ciphers, dead notes, crosses, runs and sour notes that beset his path.

Managers who thus reduce overhead by eliminating necessary organ repairs can logically do so on no other grounds than that music is a necessary evil endured only so that the show will not be run in a dead silence. Granting this assumption, it then becomes good business to keep the music going at a minimum of expense, with quality a perfectly extraneous factor. I am convinced that there are a great many old school managers who maintain precisely this viewpoint. It is of course too ridiculous to be argued here, and yet it is exactly why the organist working for such a manager runs his head up against a stone wall if he displays ambition or exercises initiative.

Nevertheless, if this attitude of indifference on a manager's part is disheartening, there is a more aggressive characteristic even more irritating. That is when the manager exploits his ignorance by making absurd demands or suggestions as to the music. That this condition exists has been brought home to me in the past by pupils' reports, many of them almost inconceivable. Only recently an organist of a small theater mentioned plaintively to me that his manager insisted that all fox-trots be played at a fast tempo. And yet this is a very innocuous specimen of the crass ignorance demonstrated in these managerial dicta.

In general they can easily be sum-

marized in one comprehensive statement, to wit: Music should be loud, lively, and popular. If the organ is of theater type, the percussives must receive due and constant consideration. Or rather it would be apter to say that they receive no consideration whatever. Any more than the ears of the customers. Regardless of the exigencies of screen action, the music must be crammed down the throats of the defenceless patrons in order to ensure their recognition of this Gargantuan musical tidbit.

The whole philosophy is similar to that of a manager I once knew who installed a ventilating system that proved to be more expensive than efficient. Instead of an indirect system which unobtrusively freshened and renewed the air, there was an enormous fan above the proscenium which blew such a draft down upon the heads of the patrons that it was no uncommon thing to see strong men sitting there with overcoats on and collars turned up, and even hats on if there was no one directly behind to object. It is a fact that heavy velvet draperies at the front of the house were blown out and held at a conspicuous angle from the floor. Furthermore, the air, which was sucked in from the roof, was hot in hot weather and cold in cold weather, with the natural result that the fan could always be relied on to make the inside temperature more uncomfortable than that on the street.

So far as the comfort of the patrons was concerned, the obvious thing to do was to use the fan very little, just enough to keep the air in circulation. But as I say, there once was a manager—"Hadn't we better stop the fan, sir?" said the electrician one chilly day. "The house is down to 65, and we're getting complaints."

As you no doubt surmise, if the manager had made the reasonable answer, there would be no story. And though you have presumably guessed the tenor of his remarks, I herewith append the exact reply for what it is worth: "Keep that fan going. I'm going to give 'em their twenty thousand dollars' worth of ventilation if I have to freeze 'em all to their seats."

Thus with the music. The assembled guests are to get the full benefit of the magnificent pipe organ installed (the largest in the United States, twenty-two whole miles of wire, thousands of pipes including every instrument in the orchestra from the piccolo to the kettle-drums, played by an artist of international reputation imported from Vienna) down to the last fire-gong, no matter if it blows them out of their seats. Forsaken brides may weep, children may die, sweethearts desert, and heroes and heroines despair of life and happiness, but the Xylophone and the Wood-Block go on forever.

I have painted the picture at its

blackest. Often, of course, it is no worse than a drab gray. There is, for instance, the manager who knows music, but not the technic of cueing pictures. He objects to having snatches of things played and broken up, to having rhythms or melodies broken to follow action, to hearing noisy or discordant music even when appropriate. He prefers a constant flow of soothing, wellknown melodies like "THE END OF A PERFECT DAY" or "ANNIE LAURIE."

And there is the manager who has an avid eye for following the picture, but no notion of music problems. He is incensed because the organist failed

to catch the requirements of the scene where a woman was laughing hysterically while her daughter insisted on playing CHOPSTICKS on the piano when the radio was rendering the MARCH from "TANNHAUSER." And woe to him whenever he so much as misses a sneeze or a baby-cry regardless of when or where.

In short, there are all kinds of incompetent managers, all with their own exasperating eccentricities and hobbies. But they all have one fundamental characteristic. They know that they know more about the organist's job than the organist does. Do they?

## Broadway from the Bottom Up

A Digest with the Awful Truth About the Sufferings of the World's Most Famous Street at the Hands and Feet of Organistic Photplayers

By DIOGENES A. HUNTER

ATTEMUCH  
HERE we find a conductor who has to play a new score to an entirely new program every day, and he makes, almost without exception, so smooth a transition from one piece to the other that even a critical reviewer is put to sleep and joints sneaked by him unnoticed. It is merely a matter of laziness, as to whether a conductor shall insult his audience with a patch-work score, or entertain it with a symphony of tone. This conductor knows his business and does a fine job of it. He makes me more and more disgusted with those lazy men who pay no attention to the art of transition.

The orchestra finished the feature and then the organist came on with a fortissimo fanfare that served mighty well as an introduction to the next feature, the comedy. After having a good time on full organ—when the crescendos should have all been wide open—the organist turned to the happiness of jazz, nicely played, softly registered, with snappy, clean staccato. I might ask for less mixture of registration; that is, don't draw a string, a flute, a diapason, and a reed on every combination, but take some moments without any flutes at all, others without any diapasons, others without any reeds; and be sure to play some things on strings alone, many things, perhaps; occasionally give some samples of the reeds alone, or perhaps with strings; but remember that one Diapason will ruin the purity of registration no matter what else we do, for the Diapason is too big a voice to be used at any time without killing off most of the other voices used with it.

While the organist played jazz nicely, he did not keep his tempos up to the necessary New York jazz age, and

he allowed his left hand to drag into too muddy a legato; make the left hand staccato and snappy, like Mr. Sigmund Krumgold used to do in the good old Rialto days; we can hardly make the left hand too staccato for average work. And don't forget the high-lights of fortissimo now and then with all boxes open and all brass going strong; also don't neglect the required background of pianissimo for most of your work. Pianissimo never offends, even if it sometimes does fall short of its duty; so in your lazy moments, revert to pianissimo.

The voices of an organ are drawable by separate stops for the express purpose of so using them. I venture an open wager with any and every organist in America (the others don't count any way) that he has not indulged in the luxury of playing on only one register at a time, save for the softest registration, at any time thus far in the current year. A box of candy to the lady who can say she has done so, and a box of cigars to the man; incidentally, election for both of them to the Ananias Club.

### THE BRONXVILLE

IN THE Bronxville Theater, N. Y., they do it right. They bought a Welte Organ, engaged Mr. J. Van Cleft Cooper, and now brag commendably. On the front page of their elaborate program booklet they say:

"We have no doubt that some of you have been attracted by the charm of our accomplished organist, Mr. J. Van Cleft Cooper whose entertainment is most inviting. He has played to the throngs of people attending some of the leading houses along the Great White Way. Meet Mr. Cooper the next time you come to the Bronxville."



## Deems Taylor: Composer

Upsets Traditions by the Score—Unintentionally  
And Places America on the Musical Map  
The First English Opera Composer

THEY decided to spend \$10,000 for an American opera. Go out and buy one? No, too simple. Hold a prize competition. Appoint the public as judge? No, the public be darned. Appoint the mightiest among the super-educated musicians. What happened? A college professor, not a composer, won the \$10,000 by knowing more about technie than anybody else, and the judges, knowing only technie and nothing of things musical—things far beneath cultured musicians—awarded the prize on technie. The public was judge. It hasn't been kept on the Metropolitan bill of fare and the late Mr. Parker was beguiled into a failure; ten thousand tempted him to try his hand at things his heart simply couldn't do.

Deems Taylor? Newspaper critic on the New York World. Had roasted the Metropolitan regularly for years, along with all others. Somehow he got some orchestral things written, and published. Thank heaven ten times a day for every publisher. Somebody in the Metropolitan got an idea, a crazy idea to be sure: offer this critic ten thousand to write an opera. That would do two things: silence him, create more publicity.

Deems Taylor retired from both the World and New York, went to live in the country, with his libretto.

Thursday, February 17th, 1927, goes down in American history. Deems Taylor's opera, "THE KING'S HENCHMAN," was given its premier by the

Metropolitan Opera Company in New York City, with a record of twenty-one curtain calls for the composer, and five further performances scheduled on the spot, the public in an uproar, every seat sold long in advance, and Dr. Walter Damrosch quoted as saying that Taylor ought positively to be endowed.

The plot deals with the king who sent his henchman to find the prettiest girl and bring her back to become queen, but the henchman reports that she is not pretty at all, marries her because she is so pretty, and lives happily till the king discovers her for himself and learns that she really is beautiful, and she learns that the henchman has cheated her out of becoming queen. Finish the story for yourself, if it's worth finishing.

It looks as though America at last has found an American composer who can give the foreign invasion a bit to think about. Already Mr. Taylor is reported to have been commissioned to write another opera; it is to be hoped that he can be equal to it on such short repetition. Any musician who knows Mr. Taylor's *Through The Looking-Glass*, already has more than enough confidence in his imagination and his musicianship; and equally confident hopes that his inspiration will be equal to the emergency.

What of the poor publisher? Preparing the conductor's score cost several thousand dollars alone—not engraving it, but preparing only one

copy. Publishing the opera in short score for popular consumption, singers, chorus, etc., must have cost even more; preparing the parts for the orchestra men must have added its share too. There's probably only one conclusion: The idealist will ruin himself, be he publisher or just ordinary mortal.

How many readers can comprehend what it means to American musicians to have Deems Taylor succeed in his opera? The world has taken opera as about the greatest achievement in realms of music; until a nation can produce a successful opera, its musicians do not enjoy their seats with the elect. Now an American, as typical as they are made, a New York newspaper man, a good solid native son, one of the kind that is a genuine New Yorker (if you know what that means) writes an opera in English, and makes a tremendous success of it. No Englishman has ever done that. The Frenchman, the German, the Italian, have high-handed the American composer and American musicians as a matter of habit; they had achieved success, we had not. Among the scores of traditions which Deems Taylor upsets by his *Henchman* score is this unhappy one. Do we begin to understand now the significance of what happened Feb. 17th in New York City?

The score is somewhat like a symphony accompanied by stage business. Mr. Taylor has not begun where other opera composers began, but where they stopped; he has added his own ideas and progressed considerably beyond that point. Unquestionably there never was another first opera the equal technically and inspirationally of Mr. Taylor's first product.

## Builders' Brevities

Short Paragraphs that Give an Idea of Things of Vital Interest in the Organ World

## ESTEY

contracts of the past few weeks call for seven Luminous Stop-Touch consoles for the nine organs to be distributed in eight States and London, England. We list these nine 3m and 4m contracts: those with percussion (Chimes, Harp) are marked \*:  
 3-24 First Unitarian, Franklin, N. H.  
 3-28 First Methodist, Sapulpa, Okla.  
 3-28 \*First Lutheran, Wheeling, W. V.  
 3-28 \*Cafe Royal, London, Eng.  
 3-31 St. Augustine's R. C., Larchmont, N. Y.  
 3-33 \*Congregational, Pawtucket, R. I.  
 3-42 \*Good Shepherd, Germantown, Pa.

4-45 \*Broadway Methodist, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 4-63 \*Scottish Rite Temple, Oakland, Calif.

A 3m Estey, the gift of Mr. W. W. Fry, was dedicated March 6th in Mount Hermon School, Northfield, Mass.

Mr. E. L. Mehaffey, Ohio representative of the Company, had a lengthy article in the March Expositor, telling ministers how to select an organ. This is the most direct and effective way for the industry to counteract the evil of the presentday tendency to hamper builders by the unintelligent "advice" of incompetent organistic "experts"; there is nothing but good to say for the competent advice of truly intelligent organists whose counsel is of greatest value to both builder and purchaser.

## MARR &amp; COLTON

contracts for 1926 were the largest in the Company's history, and 1927 contracts already received prophecy continued growth; a second plant addition has been made within the past year, giving 14,000 sq. ft. additional floor space, has in turn necessitated additional staff and machinery.

The Marr & Colton Organ was chosen for the Omaha Academy of Music, where Mr. Louis Webb, organist of the Rialto, Omaha, Neb., directs a complete course in Motion Picture Playing.

The Avelyn M. Kerr National School of the Organ, also dealing with picture playing, is using a 3m Marr & Colton, which is also used for broadcasting.

## MOLLER

built the organ for the Ruhama Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., where Mr. Paul de Launay is organist; it is a 3m with Echo, Harp and Chimes.

The New Thought Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio, is claimed to be the first built



MR. PAUL E. GROSH

Organist and director of Tarkio College Conservatory, Mo., conductor of the Tarkio Oratorio Society and Tarkio Orchestra, whose organizations last year made a tour of sixteen concerts in twelve days and made a commercial profit out of the venture. Mr. Grosh also gave six recitals during the season. Some years ago he spent a season in Paris studying with Mr. Bonnet and last year he spent a week in New York and crowded into it two church services and five operas.

directly for the New Thought movement. The organ is a 2m Moller, built in cooperation with the ideas of Mr. Carlyle Davis, Temple organist. Reading carefully through an eight-page manuscript submitted for the approval of our readers, we are able to learn only that the organ is a two-manual and perhaps has two crescendo chambers for each manual. We are indeed sorry not to be able to give any further space to the New Thought Temple's organ, but we do have unlimited sympathy for any builder who has to do his work under the interference of organistic supervision if it is founded upon any such profound ignorance of organ building as the eight-page manuscript evidences; it was not written by the organist, though it gave voluminous quotations from him. The condition calls for the drastic corrective influence of the whole profession. We are sorry to condemn anything, but unless the profession indulges in some condemnation, it will continue to be the victim of unwarrantable abuse on the part of a very few who alone benefit at the expense of the vast majority. Excuse the rancor, please. The very unwholesome condition can no longer be ignored.

## PILCHER

has completed the 4m for the First Baptist, Asheville, N. C., which was dedicated March 8th; Mr. Royal A. Ferris donated a 3m Pilcher to Highland M. E., Dallas, Tex.

## WELTE

has acquired the services of Mr. George J. Bohen as Welte-Mignon Studios manager in Chicago and sales manager for the entire central and western districts. Mr. Bohen was one of the boyhood friends of Mr. G. W. Gittins, president of the Welte companies, and has been a longtime friend of Mr. R. P. Elliot, vice-president and general manager. He has sold many Robert-Mortoi organs and was Kimball representative on the Pacific coast for five years, and later at their Chicago headquarters.

Mr. Adolph Herp and his associates in the finishing department have completed the 3m Welte Philharmonic Reproducing Organ for the residence of Mr. Carl Weeks, Des Moines, Iowa; console and screen were of English oak especially imported to harmonize with the interior of the home.

Following the opening of the 2m and Echo Reproducing Organ, and the 3m auditorium unit earlier in the year, Barker Brothers, Los Angeles, were again hosts when the 4m Welte Philharmonic Concert Organ was dedicated March 28th, when the Guild and N. A. O. members, and many other prominent Coast musicians, were entertained with a special entertainment for the Los Angeles Theater Organists' Club at Midnight.

## "BUILT OF ODDMENTS"

says the Christian Science Monitor of an "organ" built by Mr. John Dayton, an English miner, and one of our watchful correspondents wants us to give it space in these pages. Can't be done, sister; too many organs "built of oddments" already in the world, to be any novelty to long-suffering organists—at least so it sounds.

## PHILADELPHIA

received one bid for its Sesqui organ; a proprietor of a curio and antique shop sent the City a formal bid of \$1,250 when the Sesqui remains were put on the market for bidders. Philadelphia still claims it paid \$150,000 for the instrument, if we are to believe apparently official newspaper reports. The mayor hoped to get a bid of \$75,000 for it; good chance for a fine big organ, and it's worth all of that price too.

TULSA HIGH SCHOOL OPENING  
KILGEN ORGAN DEDICATED IN RECITALS

By MR. PALMER CHRISTIAN

MR. PALMER CHRISTIAN was the center of attraction at the dedication ceremonies of the 4m Kilgen, in two recitals early in March, when the Biennial Meeting of the Southwest Supervisors of Public Schools was held in Central Highschool; the organ was the gift of the classes of '24 to '27.

By courtesy of the builders we present the

*Ritual of Dedication*

*Chairman:* We are assembled here in the name of music.

*Audience:* Attune our hearts to all harmony.

*C.:* We come to dedicate a new Spiritual influence within these walls.

*A.:* Let there hover over this gathering a spiritual atmosphere, that a vision of its influence may be given us.

*C.:* Those who live in the presence of music, such as this instrument can give forth, will grow in noble emotions.

*A.:* And noble emotions produced by good music will bring noble results that know no end.

*C.:* May our souls be in accord with the soul of the one who brings forth this first message of joyous and uplifting music.

*A.:* That the spirit of appreciation, thus created, may carry to our minds and hearts the various messages that music has for each of us. *C.:* To the uplift of heart and mind that comes with the concord of sweet sounds; to the peacefulness of spirit that comes with the harmonious blending of many notes; to the spiritual inspiration that comes in response to good music.

*A.:* We dedicate this organ.

*C.:* To the cause of community interest that binds hearts together in fellowship; to the progress of civic righteousness that grows through inspiration of the heart; to the development of culture that creates finer and deeper emotions.

*A.:* We dedicate this organ.

*C.:* To all that inspires reverence for the good, respect for the true, and appreciation for the beautiful; To the good, the true, the beautiful.

*A.:* We dedicate this organ.

We regret that a photo of the beautiful console itself is not available for presentation here, as the only photo available lacks the completeness of technical data required to meet the exacting requirements of our readers. Mr. Christian's programs included American compositions: Russell's Basket Weaver, Dickinson's Storm King Scherzo, DeLamarter's Fountain, and Chinese Garden. Mr. George Kilgen, vice-president, went to Tulsa for the festivities.

**AMERICAN CONSERVATORY  
ANNOUNCES ANOTHER IMPOSING LIST  
OF THEATER APPOINTMENTS**

EACH YEAR more and more theaters install organs—which means increased opportunity for theater organists. Many of these are drawn from the schools of theater organ and one of the most successful of these is the American Conservatory, Chicago. The



MR. FRANK VAN DUSEN

Director of the Theater Organ School of the American Conservatory, Chicago, the first great Conservatory to recognize the importance of theater organ playing and meet the need by establishing a curriculum and equipment to give adequate preparation to theater organists. The success of Mr. Van Dusen's department in placing graduates is undoubtedly a record in the world of the organ.

department of Theater Organ is under the direction of Mr. Frank VanDusen, A.A.G.O., one of the pioneers in establishing a course of practical instruction for motion picture playing. Mr. VanDusen is most active in securing positions for his students. Among those recently appointed are: Mr. Kenneth Cutler, Asst. Organist, Michigan Theater, Chicago, Ill. Miss Anna Moline, Organist, a theater in Marshfield, Wis. Mr. Henry Hankins, Organist, Academy Theater, Chicago. Mr. William Hennebry, Organist, Orpheum Theater, Chicago. Mr. Harry Weiner, Organist, Chateau Theater, Chicago. Miss Alvina Michals, Asst. Organist, Buckingham Theater, Chicago. Miss Agnes McMorrow, Organist, Clermont Theater, Chicago. Mr. L. V. Tangeman, Columbia Theater, Coldwater, Ohio. Mrs. B. W. White, Strand Theater, Asheville, N. C.

Mr. Ernst Bushong, Ligonier Theater, Ligonier, Ind.

Mr. Milton Werth, Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, Ill.

Mr. Warren Colby, a theater at St. Joseph, Mich.

Mr. Jack Redmond, Strand Theater, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Melvin C. Toyne, Pastime Theater, Iowa City, Iowa.

Miss Mabel Harn, Majestic Theater, Austin, Tex.

Miss Betty DeNil, New Virginia Theater, Harrisonburg, Va.

Miss Grace G. Gilchrist, Strand Theater, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rex Bayne, Lorraine Theater, Hooperston, Ill.

Mr. Harry Lee, theater, Rhinelander, Wis.

Mr. Paul Bennett, New Theater, Neogaunee, Mich.

Mr. Stanley Anstett, Roosevelt Theater, Gary, Ind.

Miss Frances Webb, Asst. Organist, Schade Theater, Sandusky, Ohio.

Miss Rose Rosa, Douglas Theater, Iowa City, Iowa.  
 Miss Dorothy Hultgreen, theater, La-Porte, Ind.  
 Mr. Paul Forsythe, O'Down Theater, Florence, S. C.  
 Mr. Ted Stanford, State Theater, Racine, Wis.  
 Miss Helen Hoyt, theater, Arlington Heights, Ill.  
 Mr. Sam Lucas, Rialto Theater, Tulsa, Okla.  
 Mr. Harold L. Lyon, Capitol Theater, Ottumwa, Iowa.  
 Miss Beatrice Hoyt, Berwyn Theater, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Rose Petrziaka, Homan Theater, Chicago, Ill.  
 Miss Lucille Hoover, Asst. Organist, Schade Theater, Sandusky, Ohio.  
 Mr. Clyde Young, Lamar's Hudson Theater, Columbus, Ohio.

#### THE VAN DUSEN CLUB

THE CLUB, organized by the pupils of Mr. Frank Van Dusen, in his honor, and now with a membership running into the hundreds, held its March meeting at the Fulco Little Model Theater of the American Conservatory where a program was given in co-operation with the E. E. Fulton Company. This program consisted of a complete motion picture exhibition including a comedy, a novelty film, a "Trip through Organland" (a slide specialty prepared by Edward Eigen-schenk to demonstrate the organ) an eight-reel feature drama, and a stage specialty of songs and dancing by three juvenile performers. Miss Alvina Michals, president of the club, was organist for the entire exhibition.

#### ANOTHER THEATER SCHOOL

IN SEATTLE has been organized, a school for theater organists, under the direction of Mrs. Bee Browne and Mr. T. F. Elwell, Seattle theater organists, whose school equipment includes a 2m practise organ and a projection outfit. An intensive three-months course includes "dramatics, comedies, westerns, scenes, news reels, novelties, and intermission numbers."

#### VISUOLA

is the name of a device demonstrated March 18th in Aeolian Hall, New York, whereby through a connection with a silent miniature keyboard adjusted above the ordinary piano clavier, "upon which the teacher strikes certain notes," and "corresponding electric lights are flashed over the keys of the piano. The child at the piano is thus able to play tunes through visualization." The idea is evidently to enable the child to pick out tunes and enjoy a little music without having to indulge in the drudgery of learning music notation.



MR. T. FREDERICK H. CANDLYN

Who in one season achieved the double distinction of winning two composition prizes, the N.A.O. \$500 for an organ sonata, and the Sesqui. \$500 for an unaccompanied choral suite. The latter is in four movements, with suggestive titles and sub-titles: Colonization, Landing of the Pilgrims; War of Independence, Liberty Tree; Civil War, Blue and Gray; The Future, Centennial Ode. Mr. Candlyn is organist of St. Paul's P.E. Church, Albany, N. Y.

#### Personal Items

##### What the Leaders of the Profession Are Doing and Thinking

##### MR. J. WARREN ANDREWS

of the Church of Divine Paternity, New York, gave an unusual series of Lenten recitals featuring both his own work as a recitalist and that of a few of his most advanced pupils. Mr. Andrews also gave a Beethoven Sunday March 20th with six Beethoven compositions at both services. Mr. E. W. McPhee, of the First Baptist, Paterson, Mr. R. C. Warner, Riverside Reformed, Paterson; and Mr. S. H. Westlund, Salem Lutheran, Summit, each gave a program. Dean Shure's Through Palestine, and Nevin's Will o' the Wisp, and Song of Sorrow, were among the American compositions used. Mr. Andrews has long been famous for his special series of class lessons and has innumerable pupils all over America.

##### MR. RICHARD KEYS BIGGS

in his new position at St. Patrick's, Montreal, is experiencing the unusual sensation of crowded auditoriums and aisles filled with standees. Immediately after one of his recitals his pastor issued orders for the rebuilding of the organ, to include a Solo Organ, new console, etc.

##### MR. PALMER CHRISTIAN

who has successfully upheld America's end of it in close competition with the

best Europe can offer is probably to undertake a trans-continental tour next season, with the Pacific Coast visited in the Fall. This season Mr. Christian has played in Jackson, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Akron, Dayton, Bronxville, Cedar Rapids, Chicago, Wheeling, Baltimore, New York, Princeton, Dallas, Tulsa, St. Louis, Chicago, Wellesley College, Sheveille, Worcester, Rutgers College.

##### MR. CHARLES RAYMOND CRONHAM

municipal organist of Portland, Me., used the Boston Symphony String Quartet in his Feb. 27 concert and the Portland and Deering High School Orchestra March 6. The Portland Music Commission pays Mr. Cronham the compliment of publicly announcing a new Victor Orthophonic record of Russell's Bells of St. Anne played by Mr. Cronham on the Estey Organ in the Victor Studio at Camden, New Jersey. It is a 12-inch, double-faced record and will be released the latter part of April.

##### MRS. FAY SIMMONS DAVIS

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 "Spirit of Music"—Stephens  
 "Once in Awhile"—Czibulka  
 "Midnight Carol"—Gaines  
 "Long-Long Ago"—Bayly  
 "Believe Me"—Old Irish  
 "Comin' Thro' the Rye"—Scotch Air  
 "Flow Gently"—Old English  
 "Es Tont Ein Voller"—Brahms  
 "Deep River"—Burleigh  
 "Whistle, My Lad"—Scotch  
 "Perfect Hour"—Poldowski-Harris  
 "Ode to Music"—Braun  
 Men's Quartets  
 "Pale in the Amber West"—Parks  
 "Bugle Song"—Hawley  
 "Mammy's Lullaby"—D'vokar-Spross  
 "Goin' to Shout"—Spiritual, Manney  
 "With Apologies"—Fay Davis

##### MR. JOHN H. DUDDY

gave programs at the First Presbyterian Church, Norristown, Pa., on March 19, 26, and April 3, and one in the Methodist Church, Collingswood, N. J., March 29. We quote some of his selections:

Lemaigre—Capriccio  
 Ewing—Soldier Doll  
 Schuytte—At Evening  
 Burleigh—Wing Foo  
 Briequeville—Pedal Etude  
 Matthews—Chanson du Soir  
 Kinder—Caprice  
 Stoughton—Softening Shadows  
 Kinder—Exultemus  
 Kinder—At Evening

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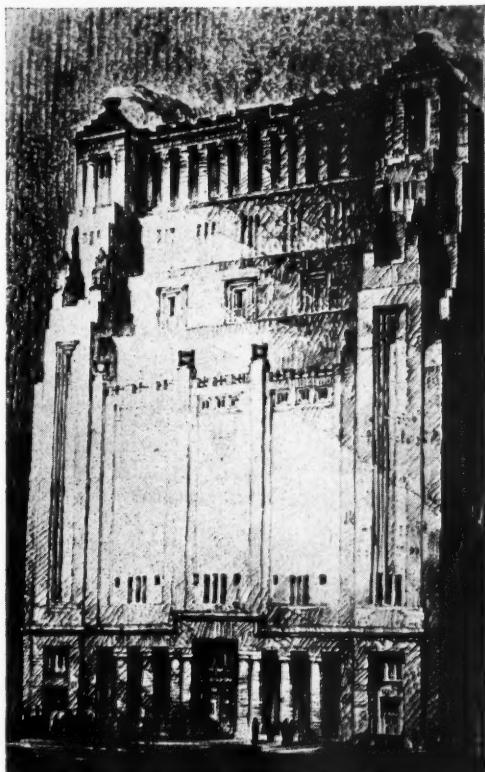
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Prelude and Fugue D

Fantasia and Fugue Gm

Fugue G

Fugue E-f

*Sonatas*

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Six (conplete)

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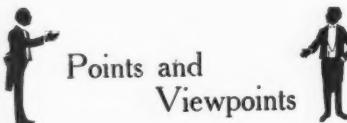
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45 Choral preludes

Mr. Farnam has been appointed to direct the newly organized organ department of the Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia. There will be a 4-60 organ and several practise instruments.



POINTS AND  
 VIEWPOINTS

GOTTA SOLUTION?  
*By ONE IN NEED*

I HAVE built up a volunteer mixed choir of thirty voices. We have a solo quartet that takes care of the morning service, and we have the quartet and chorus in the evening. Since we made this arrangement the attendance at the evening services has doubled. The quartet costs \$1,400 yearly and I've recently been ordered to look around for cheaper soloists. After I had succeeded in getting the present soloists at such low salaries because they all



MR. HAROLD JACKSON BARTZ,  
 MUS. BAC.

Of the First Presbyterian, Fort Wayne, Ind., where he plays a 4-35 Hutchings-Votey rebuilt last year. He was born Oct. 23d, 1890, in Mercer, Penna., graduated from the Pittsburgh highschool, and Oberlin College and Conservatory in 1914; studied organ with Messrs. Peter LeSueur, J. F. Alderfer, G. W. Andrews, and Charles Heinroth; piano five years with Messrs. Lindquist and Carter. He earned his F.A.G.O. in 1914 and his Mus. Bac. at Oberlin the same year.

live near the church, now I am supposed to get cheaper material. What can you do in a case like this?

WE CAN AFFORD IT  
*By FRANKLIN GLYNN*

IT MAKES for artistic progress to have visits from English and French organists, as it must have been helpful for England to hear visitors from this country during the past two seasons. We want to improve the standard of organ performance whenever possible, and keep our minds as broad as possible. Probably this country possesses organists second to none in the world, but it also possesses a number who are vigorously blowing their own Trumpets on a wind pressure in the vicinity of 500 and who are not delivering the goods—who should be criticised mercilessly and made to see the error of their ways. More results are necessary and less splash!

MORE SALARY  
*By A. GETTER OVVIT*

THE FEBRUARY Editorial on Salaries hits the nail on the head. Organists cannot expect to get more money until by their to the general public they *earn* more.

We have the largest congregation in our city; our evening services never have less than 1,000, and when the weather is good, 1,500. We have a new organ, 52 stops, Harp, Chimes, Echo. By 7:15 p.m. there are usually 600 or more in the church. The service starts at 7:30. Just as an indica-

tion as to why so many people come early, let me quote a remark made by a gentleman, which was overheard by one of my quartet. Two men were entering the church shortly after seven o'clock. One said, "We'll have a long time to wait before the service starts." The other replied, "Well, they have a fine organ here, and fine organ music before the service, which is worth hearing."

The people who make up this congregation are not especially musical, they are from all classes. They like the Echo Organ, they like the Chimes, they like the Harp. If they know they are going to hear them, they will come early, and sit quietly, and enjoy the organ.

Now, isn't it good business on my part to give them what they want to hear? Isn't my reputation as an organist going to be better for playing some of these things which will appeal to them, which will bring them to church? I not only help my own reputation, but I help the church as well. Just as sure as shooting, I am going to reap the benefits of this work.

It is not necessary to plan trash. I generally open with one big number, and then have one or two quieter ones, many of them request numbers. I name a few:

Dubois—Fiat Lux

Saint Saens—Reverie from Algerian Suite

Handel—Water Music Suite

Ravenello—Prayer

Schubert—Ave Maria

Wagner—Evening Star

Mendelssohn—Sonata Six

Franck—Chorale Am

Lemaigre—Prayer

And so on, usually playing one strictly good number for the opening, and something lighter for the other two, not forgetting that people as a whole like to hear some familiar strain occasionally.

I don't think it is necessary, or desirable, to play trashy things. By giving something really good along with lighter things, one can gradually create an interest in the things we organists generally look upon as strictly organistic works. But the man who is going to make good in his work, who is going to create an interest, and keep an interest in the organ as a musical instrument, is the one who will get the viewpoint of those who make his congregation.

HOW NOT TO DO IT  
 RECITAL PROGRAMS SHOULD INTEREST  
 THOSE WHO LISTEN  
*By A. SUFFERER*

I WAS LATE and missed the first two numbers. Had I missed the whole program I would not have been much upset. He is a fine technician and

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Minuet in D . . . . . Mozart  
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gave it out in big doses. Can you see anything attractive in the program? Hollins—Convert Overture Fm  
Handel—Minuet (Berenice)  
Daquin—Cuckoo  
Martini—Gavotte  
Bach—Fantasia and Fugue Gm  
Parry—Abide With Me  
Hoyte—Scherzo  
Willan—Epilogue  
Schubert—Rosamunde Ballet Music  
Vierne—Berceuse  
Palmgren—Rococo  
Widor—Scherzo (4th)  
Franck—Finale B-f

True, the music was all good, but there was not one piece that had what I would call a tune that the average audience could follow. The recital was billed as a "popular" one. From the remarks passed by those who left the church it was anything but popular. No American composer on the program.

(In other words, a hopeless hodge-podge; a program without form and void. Too bad.)

#### AMERICAN MUSIC

By FREDERICK STANLEY SMITH

IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE a contributor deals an awful blow to American music in general and to American organ music in particular. To quote him, "I have attended organ recitals of all-American programs and look back with a feeling of horror. Take away Widor, Guilmant, Vierne, Gigout, Franck, Bach—and organ literature is stupid."

Imagine such statements as these coming from a loyal (?) American organist! To quote further, "I will not condemn American music, but there are so few compositions that are of a genuinely high order, and time is too precious to spend upon anything but the highest. Neither is it honest to one's listeners to give them mediocre organ numbers. Americans are too full of noise, rattle, and speed."

Does this critic class the compositions of Edward Shippen Barnes, Rossetter G. Cole, Philip James, H. Alexander Matthews, James H. Rogers, and Leo Sowerby as "stupid"? I wonder if he is well enough acquainted with the works of American composers to be able to pass an opinion that would carry weight with his colleagues? The advancement of any organization or any worthy project is always accelerated if started within. We cannot expect English, French, German, or Italian organists to boost American organ music if we ourselves do not. If this critic will study some of the representative numbers of the above mentioned American composers as carefully as he must study Bach, Franck, Vierne, et al, I am sure he will find much music of "a genuinely high order."

#### A WORD, PLEASE

WE CAN'T grow the best corn unless we give the field the best cultivation; neglect accomplishes nothing. We can't produce American composers unless we give them the nourishment they and their publishers must have. From the mass of organ music that has flowed through the editorial offices let us make a few suggestions:

Edward Shippen Barnes' first SONATA entitles him, beyond question of a doubt, to the most emphatic encouragement from American organists; an organist who does not play this SONATA is already on the slippery slide that will quite early carry him back and outside the ranks of the profession.

Clarence Dickinson's STORM KING SYMPHONY came after some most charming little things, and we can say the same for Dr. Dickinson as for Mr. Barnes.

H. B. Jepson's organ music is idiomatic, and technically some of it is as fine as anything that ever sailed the Atlantic; we are merely prejudiced when we can't see supreme merit in a Jepson organ work. If hard work is what we are looking for, get some of his newer compositions; we will find plenty to work on.

Gordon Bales Nevin has just issued his first SONATA; in three movements, conservative in length, sterling themes, something even the best of us can be proud to use. His lesser works are diversions, some of them supremely beautiful and successful. What chance has Mr. Nevin to write another SONATA and grow as a composer if you and I are so blind, or so stupid, that we ignore him and refuse to buy the SONATA already published?

James H. Rogers is a tower of strength and grace too. Technically he makes no bluff to equal the colossal pretense and emptiness of much of the imports. He has three SONATAS: how many have you bought?

Leo Sowerby has a few big organ pieces that have impressed critical musicians favorably; they prophesy a fine harvest if we cultivate the field for the composer.

Among the composers who are native-born and who have published works in classic mood that are quite the equal of any organist the organ world has thus far heard of—in spite of the apparent fact that there are some who think nothing in America is good enough for them, except the dollar—we suggest:

George W. Andrews  
Charles Wakefield Cadman  
Clifford Demarest  
Arthur Foote  
Paul Held  
Philip James  
Ernest R. Kroeger

Horatio Parker

Oscar E. Schminke

Roy Spaulding Stoughton

And among those who have thus far, if we judge aright, made no effort to do more than supply the need for beautiful pieces so essential to the success of every musician, we include:

Hope Leroy Baumgartner

Gottfried Federlein

J. Frank Frysinger

Walter Edward Howe

H. A. Matthews

Edward M. Read

The reader is invited to send his additions to these lists, with comments on any special compositions as he sees fit. Our lists are not compiled after a ten-hour survey of the field, but in a ten-minute period snatched from the crowded hours of editorial life; please do not throw bricks at the compiler because of any omissions.

—ONE OF YOUR REVIEWERS.



Edited by JULIA M. HELT

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PIETRO YON gave a WABC recital at 1:00 a.m. March 14 from Skinner Studio, if our announcer told the truth.

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## Woman Organ Players Club of Boston

(WE REGRET the delay in printing the following official report; its receipt in the Editorial Office on the 25th of February, just too late for the final closing pages of the March issue, caused it to be held for the April number.—Ed.)

A. Thorndike Luard, well known in Boston Music circles as a composer of piano and organ selections and as a performer of great ability, entertained the members of the Club with an interesting program early this year. His program:

Cantata and Fugue Bm, Bach  
Ave Maria, Bossi  
Romance Sans Paroles, Bonnet  
Andante Cantabile, Tchaikovsky  
Minuet (Samson), Handel  
Meditation St. Clotilde, James  
Will o' the Wisp, Nevin  
Lamentation, Guilmant  
Romance (Df), Lamare  
Intermezzo, Callaerts

The Club lost one of its most popular members when Miss Saranoosh Rubiniian moved to New York. Miss Rubiniian has an unusually large library of Armenian music and has rare ability as a performer. She gave an entertainment of Armenian music in the Estey Studio prior to her departure.

One of our meetings assumed the air of a "young timer's" day, at least from a music standpoint, as Florence Cooper, the youngest member of the W.O.P.C., gave a program of organ music, accompanied by a local violinist, Miss Todd, which was cordially received. Soprano solos were contributed by Miss Marquitta Patten, Miss Lulu Emery at the piano.

Mrs. Nina del Castillo, acting president of the Club, gave a humorous account of her 99-day motor trip to California. Refreshments were served by the following members; Miss Marie Devine, Miss Lillian Kivelan, Miss Freda Barth and Miss Alice Shepard.

The Club held a successful luncheon at a newly dedicated Elks Hotel on Tremont Street. The purpose of this gathering was to attract members to the organization. The membership committee has not yet submitted a report showing new members but it is thought possible that several have been declared eligible.

Luncheon was served at a private dining room and the members and guests were seated at tables in groups of four to make the affair as informal as possible. Mr. Vincent Garabini, an instructor at the New England Conservatory of Music, and a member of Miss Marion Payne's orchestra, played a number of violin selections with Miss Marion Payne at the piano.

After the luncheon, Mr. Lourie,

genial manager of the Elks Hotel, invited the members to try the Wurlitzer in the hotel auditorium, and an impromptu concert resulted. The following were performers: Mrs. Sallie Frise, Miss Payne, and Miss Florence Cooper.—MRS. M. MOWAT

## Detroit

by  
ABRAM  
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THE ORGAN EVENTS for February were few outside the usual. Feb. 8 Harold A. Fox of Buffalo recited before the A.G.O. The First Presbyterian organ is a very good one, and he displayed all its capabilities to the limit, but I was very much disappointed in his program. With the exception of the colossal 94TH PSALM of Reubke, which he gave a most sincere, scholarly, yet dramatic, reading, the performance was trivial. Poor old Bach suffered notably in his flippant treatment of the Great G minor FUGUE, and the Rossini WILLIAM TELL OVERTURE was as tawdry as it could well be made. Everything was technically meticulous, and much of his color work was really clever, but the general effect was flippancy. The other numbers included Macfarlane's SPRING SONG, Dethier's CHRISTMAS and SCHERZO (a bravura accomplishment of startling brilliance) and the Kinder CAPRICE. I was frankly both sorry and glad at the same time, as a final impression, and I am glad to know that I was in accord with most of those present. And yet the Reubke remains a comfort and an inspiration, so maybe it will be of us all, some day, the good we have done will blot out the lesser accomplishments—let us fervently trust so.

On the 12th Frederick Pfeiffer, Professor at the Eden Seminary, in Webster Grove, Mo., assisted by the choirs of St. Peter's, St. Marks', and Trinity Lutheran, dedicated the St. Peter's organ. I was unable to be present, but I am informed that I missed a scholarly performance.

The big event of the month musical was the bow of the Detroit Bohemians, a club composed of most of the best men in the profession. The Book Cadillac Grand Ball Room on Washington's Birthday was uncomfortably crowded with almost six hundred members and guests when a fine dinner was served. Following the dinner Sam Slade, veteran singing teacher, gave a short talk, and a few words of greeting were given by William Howland, president.

After dinner Jean Goldkette's Orchestra began the best program of dance music I have ever heard, most artistically performed. The dancing was interrupted at intervals by the following unique numbers: The GRAND MARCH OF THE BOHEMIANS, composed for the occasion by Henri Matthews, a number that should in time rival the MEISTERSINGER MARCH, on orchestra programs; it has all the freshness and strength of that classic, combined with a vitality of inspiration. (The meetings of this, its first year, have been notable for the presentation of many beautiful compositions heretofore existent only in manuscript and lacking performance.) Then Theo Smith's ballet class gave a very poetic interpretation of the Heller TARANTELLA, and Moszkowski TAMBOURINE dances, and with Lillian Poli and the Detroit Operatic Chorus under Thaddeus Wronski, a scene from Naughty Marietta. Next came the second most important event of the evening, a Piano Ensemble of one hundred fingers (ten pianists at five grands of five different makes) who made orchestral, with unbelievable color accomplishments, a Moussorgsky-Rachmaninoff "Hopak" transcribed and conducted by Dr. Carl H. Ezerman, a sterling Dutch musician lately come among us, and the A-flat POLONaise Op. 33 of Chopin, scored and conducted

by Bendetson Netzorg. Everybody simply went wild. Such enthusiasm (based on discriminating appreciation of a great achievement) I have rarely witnessed. Then there was a Minuet danced to Hayden played by a string quartet, the Faust waltz sung by Wronski's Chorus and danced by all (the dancers) present. Finally two Spanish scenes a Matador Ballet, and the Bizet Carmen Toreador song, sung by Marcus Kellerman, with the Wronski Chorus. Our orchestral concerts will certainly be the scene of public performances of both the Mathews March, and the piano ensemble. And a new pace has been set for musical and social achievement in Detroit. The financial end in view is the establishment of an endowment fund for indignant musicians, and the date Feb. 22nd has been preempted it is believed for many years to come. "Behold how good and beautiful a thing it is for (Musical) Brethren to dwell (and work) together in Unity." I believe in Miracles now.

## Harrisburg

by  
WILLIAM E.  
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AN OUTSTANDING music event of unusual merit, which received most favorable comment, was the program of concerto music for piano and organ, in Fifth St. M. E., Feb. 8, by the local N.A.O. Two concertos, the Gin Mendelsohn and the Yon GREGORIANO, together with a Liszt HUNGARIAN FANTASY, were given by organ and piano. The guest artist was Mr. Earl Echternach, pianist, director of music at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Mr. Echternach played a group of piano numbers most artistically and supplied the orchestral part to the Yon number. Others who presided at the piano were Miss Violette Cassel of Camp Curtin M. E. and Miss Irene Coble of First Church of God. The organists were Mrs. John R. Henry of Fifth St., Mr. Clarence E. Heckler of Christ Lutheran, and the writer. We were fortunate in having this recital broadcast through station WMBS through the courtesy of Mr. John R. Henry.

A recital was given at Capital St. Presbyterian Feb. 24 by Mr. Van S. Whitted, of Varick A. M. E. Zion Temple, Philadelphia.

The Schubert Club, an organization of sixty young business women, was heard in recital on the 15th. Newspaper criticisms spoke highly of their work. Mrs. Salome Sanders directs the chorus.

An evening of music was presented at Emmanuel Presbyterian on the 13th. The organist was Mrs. Elma Askin.

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New York  
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BOTH BOROUGHS have had a busy month of recitals and musicals. In Manhattan Mr. Lynwood Farnam gave us two splendid Bach programs at Holy Communion and Mr. Samuel Baldwin continued his twice-weekly offerings at City College. Both artists are too well known to require further mention of their admirable work. Mr. Farnam repre-

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The first column gives a reproduction of the actual index; the second gives subjects picked at random from two pages of the index: together they show the marvelous wealth of material in the book. We unhesitatingly recommend it to all beginners in theater work, to all who contemplate theater work, to all who would more intelligently enjoy the theater, and to all theater organists who feel the desire to keep themselves ever young, ever interested in their delightful art. Not an unusually large book, not unusually well printed; but worth five times its price.

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sents a strictly classical school of recital giving while Mr. Baldwin represents the freer style and each in his own field helps to make this great City more appreciative of the best in organ music. In Brooklyn Mr. Charles O. Banks' monthly program at St. Luke's had for its principal numbers an impressive rendition of the Guilmant MARCHE FUNEBRE and a brilliant performance of Weber's EURYANTHE. In the same edifice Feb. 16 Mr. E. A. Hillmuth, Mr. Banks' assistant, gave a program, including the beautiful EPILOGA from the latter's EVANGELINE SUITE together with the Franck B-minor CHORALE, beautifully done.

Manhattan sent a distinguished visitor to Brooklyn in the person of Edwin Grasse, blind organist, who gave a recital on the Brooklyn Institute 4m Austin Feb. 20; his program included the Bossi ETUDE SYMPHONIQUE, MEISTERSINGER OVERTURE, and three of his own charming compositions. Mr. Grasse goes on tour shortly with that blind marvel Helen Keller.

Sunday evening musicals have not been wanting. At Plymouth Church Mr. G. Waring Stebbins had the assistance Feb. 20 of Carl Tollefson, Violinist and Feb. 27 of a trio from St. Bartholemew's Manhattan. Then there was Rossini's "STABAT MATER" at Clason Presbyterian under Miss Marion Clayton, and Gounod's "OUT OF DARKNESS" at Flatbush Congregational under Frank Kaschan whose preludial recital included extracts from Widor's Fourth, and Handel's B-Flat Concerto. At the Church of the Incarnation, Manhattan, the chorus gave selections from Franck's "BEATITUDES." Why don't more organists give an occasional work like this instead of the inevitable round of Holy City, Seven Last Words, Elijah, etc.? We wonder.

The Wanamaker Auditorium presented Mr. Charles M. Courboin March 11 in Casella's Concerto Romano for organ, strings, brass, and timpani, under the composer's direction; Veracini's Concerto Grossso was also used. The Wanamaker collection of old violins was used.

Mr. J. Warren Andrews of the Church of Divine Paternity is giving a series of Friday 4 p.m. recitals during March and April.

Dr. William C. Carl spent his birthday March 2nd in bed, recovering from bronchial pneumonia; his innumerable friends and pupils showered him with birthday cards.

The Metropolitan Opera will abandon its present building and erect its own home on 57th Street west of 8th Avenue—one block west of T.A.O.'s Manhattan office. Readers may purchase a Parterre Box for \$145,000. Don't be timid.

The Aeolian Building on Fifth Avenue at 54th Street was opened Feb. 23; it won the Fifth Avenue Association's medal as the most beautiful structure erected on the Avenue the past year; take a look.

The Roxy Theater, the world's largest, seating 6,200 according to the advertisement, opened March 11. Now for real joy again, we hope. Elevators to the galleries. Consoles by the dozen. Fixed chorus of 100, ballet of half as many. And a Vitaphone. Incidentally, will one hundred kind-hearted readers listen to a Vitaphone performance some day and write T.A.O. how they think the canned music compares with the original? Hurry, please.

Dr. Clarence Dickinson completed his breath-taking February series of Tuesday Historical Organ Lecture Recitals in Union Theological; his Friday Noon Hours at the Brick Church continue till Easter.

The Wanamaker Auditorium announces a tour next season by Mr. Marcel Lanquetuit, another of the French organists whose debut has already been made in New York. 9,000 New Yorkers and Philadelphians heard Mr. Vierne under Wanamaker auspices.

## Oberlin

By GEORGE O. LILLICH  
Oberlin Correspondent

ON SIX AFTERNOONS during examination week the members of the organ faculty gave twenty-minute vesper programs in Finney Memorial Chapel.

Mr. Laurel E. Yeomans, teacher of organ here, who is now on leave in Paris, substituted for Mr. Laurence Whipp at the American Cathedral during January. Mr. Yeomans is studying with M. Bonnet.

Mr. Aksel Lund of the Möller factory has been with us installing a new organ to be used for teaching and practise. This is the sixth organ to be added this year.

Three recitals were given during February by advanced students. Miss Margaret Koegler '27 played on the 7th in Finney Chapel. The principal number on her program was Barnes' SECOND "symphony." Miss Rebecca Burgner, post-graduate student, played Feb. 14, among other things, Reubke's NINETY-FOURTH PSALM. Mr. Selby Houston, a third year student, played Feb. 28, and included the Bach "Wedge" Fugue, Andrews' SONATA in E-flat (Ms.) and Karg-Elert's CHACONNE in B-flat minor.

Interesting news has been received from the following alumni:

Mr. Harold Smith is Assistant Professor of Music at Cornell University where he has charge of classes in Harmony and Counterpoint and serves as University organist. Since the beginning of the present academic year he has given fourteen recitals, alternately in Bailey Hall and Sage Chapel. (Mighty lucky to have two fine organs available.) He is this year making a special feature of Chorale Preludes.

Mr. Paul E. Grosh, director of the Conservatory at Tarkio College, Tarkio, Mo., has charge of the men's and women's Glee Clubs, College Orchestra, Oratorio Society, and serves as organist at the United Presbyterian. In the Conservatory Mr. Grosh teaches organ, singing, piano, and counterpoint, besides his administrative duties. Recently the Oratorio Society presented "THE MESSIAH" with a chorus of sixty.

Mr. Merritt Johnson is teaching organ and piano at Wesley College, Grand Forks, N. D., and is at the First Baptist of that city.

Mr. Vierne came to the Cleveland Museum of Art for a recital. It was an unusual event, so approximately fifty Oberlinites made the trip. What a pity that this famous composer could not have had more time at the organ before the recital! Due to his late arrival in Cleveland he was able to have but one hour's practise, which was scarcely enough. The program was played with brilliance and extreme facility, in spite of the great handicap the artist suffered. An unusually large audience greeted Mr. Vierne and applauded enthusiastically.

Mr. Ray Brown of St. Andrews, Elyria, Ohio, has resigned. During his two years at St. Andrews Mr. Brown made the church well-known for its fine music. Feb. 13, he presented Stoughton's "WOMAN OF SYCHAR." Your Representative is Mr. Brown's successor.



Omaha  
by  
MARTIN W.  
BUSH  
Official  
Representative

OMAHA'S MUSICAL ATMOSPHERE has been punctuated by but two organ recitals since the last report. Feb. 6 your Correspondent played on his 4-61 Hillgreen Lane at the First Central Congregational. The program, while for the most part unworn for Omaha recital attendants, is well known to T.A.O. readers with the possible exception of Bernard's SCHERZO-CAPRICE.

Feb. 13 Mrs. Louise Shadduck Zabriskie, F.A.G.O., gave her 31st recital at the First Presbyterian. Distinction was added to her program by the inclusion of several ensemble numbers with piano.

Two changes in the personnel of theater organists have taken place recently. Mr. Louis Webb is a new arrival from Chicago, to grace the console at the Rialto. Mr. Arthur Hays, for many years one of the City's most popular picture players at the World, returns to that post after having spent the last six months in St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Ben Stanley of Trinity Cathedral, first dean of the Nebraska A.G.O. and one of the pillars of the local fraternity, launched his 20th annual series of Lenten recitals with the beginning of Lent.

Much interest is evident in what will probably be an organ of considerable proportions to be installed in the new Riviera which is nearing completion. The whole project is being handled on a lavish scale; more detailed information will be forthcoming.

Announcement has also been made of the letting of a contract by the First Methodist for a 4-73 Austin to be installed this summer.

The Omaha Symphony Orchestra, Sandor Harnati conductor, Feb. 3 played Handel's OVERTURE in L, Beethoven's SEVENTH SYMPHONY, Honegger's PACIFIC 231, Saint-Saens' CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS, and Tchaikovsky's MARCH SLAV. One of the two piano parts of the Saint-Saens CARNIVAL was intrusted to your Correspondent and his participation in the numbers "Personages with long ears" and "Cuckoos" was said to have been singularly sympathetic.

## Pittsburgh Notes

By CHARLES A. H. PEARSON  
Official Representative

FEB 15 MR. WILLIAM H. OETTING gave a lecture recital at the Pittsburgh Musical Institute, of which he is a director. In addition to being one of the series arranged for the season, this program provided the Guild event for the month and was preceded by a dinner at the Kuskin. The program consisted entirely of transcriptions of works for orchestra and made up for unusual length by the variety which it afforded. The overture to Euryanthe by Weber, Les Préses by Liszt, Prayer from the Jewels of the Madonna by Wolf, Ferrari, Andante Cantabile from 1st Symphony by Beethoven, the Spinning Wheel of Omphale by Saint-Saens and Prelude to Parsifal, by Wagner were the most important compositions. Although the writer has a personal dislike for transcriptions in general and certain ones in particular, especially when they persist in crowding much fine organ music out of recital programs, he takes off his hat to those who can play transcriptions effectively, and especially to a man who can build up such an interesting program as this proved to be. The next recital of the series is to be made up of American works.

Feb. 17 Mr. Arthur B. Jennings, dean of the Western Penna. A.G.O. played for the Guild in Buffalo and reported a most delightful time spent with the brethren there. Dr. Charles Heinroth played under the same auspices in January. Anyone who attended the Guild Convention there last June knows what a bunch of live-wires these folks are, and how they can see a thing through. We in Pittsburgh are shaking hands with ourselves that the Farnam Recital was such a success that other chapters seem to be able to invite a number of out-of-town players to play for them each year.

The Musicians Club of Pittsburgh, with the help of the Tuesday Musical Society and other local groups, celebrated the Centennial Anniversary of the death of Beethoven during the week of March 20. Details will be presented later, but the outstanding event was Beethoven program at Carnegie Music Hall, March 20.

The Rev. Father Charles Rossini has been elected choirmaster at St. Paul's R. C. Cathedral to succeed the late Joseph Otten, Mus. Doc. Father Rossini has held a like post at Epiphany Church here for several years and also directed the Polyphonic Chorus. His skill as a choirmaster and his thorough knowledge of plain song and kindred music are well-known and he is a valuable addition to the staff of the Cathedral.

## St. Louis News Summary

By N. WELLS  
Official Representative

MR. WILLIAM THEO. DIEBELS is continuing his monthly recitals at the New Cathedral and Mr. O. Wade Fallert his weekly recitals at Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Jan. 16 Mr. Charles Galloway gave his fourth recital at Washington University. These recitals are part of the extension course of the university. At the recital Feb. 20 he was assisted by the Chapel Choir of the university (50 voices), which sang "On Shore and Sea," dramatic cantata by Arthur Sullivan.

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Jan. 26 Miss Lillian Carpenter of New York, pupil of Mr. Gaston Dethier, gave an excellent account of herself at the Third Baptist. We hope to have her with us again.

Mr. Arthur Davis, F.A.G.O., repeated his program by request at St. Marcus Evangelical Church Jan. 26. Mark well! An organ recital repeated by request!

The Mo. A.G.O. had its regular monthly meeting at Curby Memorial Presbyterian Jan. 31st. Mrs. Claude Beal, the organist, was the hostess. Dr. Percy B. Eversden reported that Marshall Bidwell and Louis Vierne would be heard in the near future under the auspices of the N.A.O. It was also reported that Geo. Kilgen & Son, Inc. had installed a large 4m organ at the Piccadilly Theater at Chicago; the piano can be played with the real piano touch; it has not a violin 8' or violin diapason, but a real violin may be played on this organ. Imagine the effect with the tremolo and swell shutters. This new organ is being played by Leo Terry, who was educated at the St. Louis University. Toward the close of the meeting the Holy Cross Choir under the direction of Mr. Walter Wismar sang a number of Bach chorals a capella. It seemed the pleasure was mutual, that the singers enjoyed the evening as much as the audience of organists and choirmasters.

Feb. 17 Mr. Marshall Bidwell of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Ia., was heard for the first time in St. Louis; this recital was complimentary to the organists by courtesy of Geo. Kilgen & Son, the builder of this new 4m organ in the United Hebrew Temple. A beautiful organ, a beautiful temple, a fine performance!

More talks on the organ! Feb. 1st Dr. Percy B. Eversden spoke on the organ before the Webster Groves Chapter D.A.R.

**Seattle**  
by  
FREDERICK C.  
FERINGER  
Official  
Representative



THE HIGH SPOT of organistic activities in Seattle was undoubtedly reached Feb. 5 when the eminent Pietro Yon arrived in the city and was entertained at luncheon by the Washington Guild and dinner in the evening by the Seattle Clef Club. At the Guild luncheon Mr. Yon in a few remarks expressed some interesting opinions in regard to the organists in this country as individuals and their relations with each other in the different fields of organ activities.

On the following day Mr. Yon played the dedicatory recital on the New Memorial organ in St. James Cathedral, built by Casavant. It was assisted by the Amphion Male Chorus Society of Seattle under the direction of Graham Morgan and Dr. F. S. Palmer, organist and director of music at the Cathedral, and the Cathedral choir of 100 men and boys.

The recital took the form of a high church service which was decidedly impressive and after Mr. Yon opened the service with his own HYMN OF GLORY as a Processional, the organ was blessed by the Rt. Rev. Edw. J. O'Dea, D.D., Bishop of Seattle. The choral numbers were from Gounod, Victoria, Palestina, and included the Kyrie-Gloria-Agnus Dei, by Widor for two choirs and two organs. The organ recital portion of the program was opened by Mr. Yon's own SONATA ROMANTICA. Bach, Franck, and more Yon followed, played in his own inimitable style. Mr. Yon's playing of Bach was characterized by high speed with almost a Chopinesque rubato at times; which gave most of us quite a new slant on the possibilities in playing Bach. It is somewhat like interpreting the Bible; every sect sees it differently and there is no doubt good in all. I for one was quite delighted with Mr. Yon's Bach and have always believed that a touch of the warmth of Romanticism carefully applied would improve the traditional stolidity of Gothic boldness. Not that we would care

to hear the A minor FUGUE slashed out in the manner of the early Verdi, but our humble instinct suggests that Bach would be more popular if the average interpretations were not so dry and machine-like.

The Everett members of the Guild are identifying themselves with the organ world in a commendable manner. They have separate monthly meetings under the direction of Joseph H. Greener and discuss the topics of the day. Mr. Arthur E. James, organist of the Everett Baptist Church, is a regular visitor to the general meetings of the Washington Chapter in Seattle.

W. H. Donley, organist of the First Presbyterian, Seattle, is making a decided hit with his regular Saturday evening radio recitals over KFOA. The popular type of program Mr. Donley selects seems to appeal to the general public more than the "typical" organ recital program.

At the present writing Seattle is being thoroughly inoculated with local opera. The Civic Opera Company is presenting Faust, Carmen, Trovatore and Martha with the assistance of some eastern talent in the title roles. Ernest Davis, Lucy Gates, Riccardo Martin, Herbert Gould, and Myrtle Claire Donnelly are among the guest artists.

Joseph H. Greener, of Trinity Episcopal, Everett, directed a performance of Gaul's "HOLY CITY" at that church. The work of Mr. Greener's choir shows excellent training and his ability as a director was well demonstrated by the artistic finish of the oratorio.

"THE CROSS OF FIRE," Max Burch's stirring oratorio based on Sir Walter Scott's "Lady of the Lake," was given a splendid performance by the Seattle Oratorio recently at the Swedish Baptist Church under the direction of J. W. Bixel. This was one of the most ambitious undertakings of the Society since its formation and the members and audience were notably enthusiastic.

and "All Alone Monday" with a whistling chorus.

CHARLES STIRN of the Liberty Theater, Richmond, New York City, is being featured by his management in organ solos on the Liberty's Moller.

DR. RAY HASTINGS has completed his 15th year with Temple Baptist, Los Angeles, and the church congratulates itself "in having such a splendid musician and one so willing to do his utmost for the welfare of this great church." For the evening service Dr. Hastings celebrated by using eleven of his own compositions.

ARTHUR EDWARD JONES, Cambridge, O., is now at the Indiana Theater, Bloomington, Ind.

MAX MIRANDA is now on sabbatical leave from Beloit College, Wis., to visit France, Germany and Italy for study for the next eight months.

MRS. BRUCE S. KEATOR, First Methodist, Asbury Park, N. J. has resigned to become organist and choir director of St. Andrew's Methodist, New York City. Mrs. Keator takes her new duties Sept. 1st.

JOHN V. PEARSALL is giving a series of recitals at the Kearny High School, N. J. on Sunday afternoons.

MISS PAULINE VOORHEES returned from a European trip after studying with Vierne and others, has resumed her activities in New Haven, Conn. at Center Congregational, and Mishkan Isreal; the latter is to have a new Hall organ this summer.

ERNEST H. SHEPPARD for five years organist of Christ Episcopal, East Orange, N. J., left Feb. 1st to go to Trinity, Waterbury, Conn., where he has a 3m Skinner.

GEORGE LEE HAMRICK'S engagement at Keith's Georgia Theater, Atlanta, Ga., as guest organist, has become a permanent arrangement. Mr. Hamrick has a Wurlitzer.

#### GENERAL NOTES

CHARLES H. DORESAM presented two cantatas at the Rutgers Presbyterian, New York, February 27.

William H. Jones, Raleigh, N. C., presented the Raleigh Male Chorus in a Mid-Winter Concert, February 26 in the Mason Park Hotel.

1,277 eliminations were made from motion pictures submitted to the New York Motion Picture Commission last year, according to the annual report just filed. Grounds for elimination were scenes which tended to incite to crime, which were inhuman, indecent, immoral and sacrilegious.

The American Federation of Labor has fixed a wage scale of \$30 a day for three hours' work for all musicians employed in Vitaphone productions. The weekly rate, not more than two shifts per day, 33 hours is \$200.

Among other courses in music offered in the Summer Session this year at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, will be one of individual instruction in organ.

The Alabama Music Teacher's Association held its annual meeting in Birmingham, April 6.

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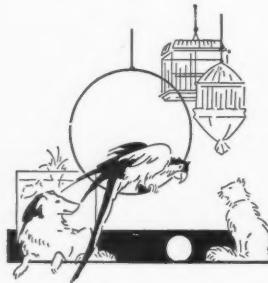
HEADQUARTERS held a luncheon Feb. 28 at the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, New York. For the first time the luncheon was arranged by the ladies.

WESTERN NEW YORK Chapter held its first meeting of the year, Jan. 19, at Christ Episcopal Church. The brief business meeting was followed by a program given by Miss Emily Cassabeer and Irving MacArthur.

A recital was given Feb. 14 in the Assembly M. E. Church, Rochester. Members appearing on the program were: George Babcock, Mrs. Dorothy Palmer Roscoe, and Harold Cabourne Smith.

#### ORGAN PLAYERS CLUB

Reading, Pa., held its monthly meeting in St. Stephen's Reformed Church, February, with quite a few new members present. Earl W. Rollman, of St. Stephen's, was in charge of the program, and explained each number presented. He was assisted by the Vested Choir. The program: Kinder's Fantasia on "Duke Street," played by Miss Emily Shade; Bartlett's Finale (Suite in Cm), played by Earl A. Bickle; Martin's "Ho Everyone that Thirsteth," Baldwin's "Tarry with Me," Earl W. Rollman at the organ; Franck's Piece Heroique, played by Myron A. Moyer; Yon's Hymn of Glory, played by Miss Rheta Trexel.



#### PERSONAL NOTES

WILLIAM EDWIN ASHMAN, organist, publisher of the Organists' Journal, Arlington, N. J., died March 2, 1927. He became ill while playing the final mass in Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Newark. Born in England, he came to America at seven. His father, an organist, supervised his son's training, which was supplemented by study with Frederick Archer. Mr. Ashman played his first service in St. Thomas's, New York, at the age of fourteen, when his father, organist of the church, was ill. Mr. Ashman composed more than 200 organ works and published the Organists' Journal, a monthly publication of organ music which held public favor for many years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Ashman is survived by his widow and four children.

DR. GEORGE B. NEVIN of Easton, Pa., came to New York on the occasion of a program of Nevin composition being broadcast from WEAF, and made a few remarks to the radio audience.

WILLIAM ROCHE of Halifax arranged a prize contest in singing for his choir boys. The boys were divided into two teams and given separate rehearsals. His purpose was to develop the boys' voices, create new and greater interest and to discover new material. "Just a Song at Twilight" was used for the contest, each of fifteen boys singing one verse and chorus. Prizes were given to the two best singers, and special prizes were given for diction, best behavior during the contest, and for the greatest improvement in singing. After the contest the entire choir, assisted by the Trinity Male Choir, sang "Old Black Joe," arranged for four voices,